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New fire chief tapped

Michael Mansfield, of Nashua, edges out Deputy Jim Dolan

By Brian Messenger

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski feels a few of the right moves by the Andover Fire & Rescue Department will help ensure its status as a "world-class" operation.

The first of those moves came on Monday, Dec. 18, when Stapczynski revealed to selectmen that Michael Mansfield, assistant fire chief in Nashua, N.H., was his choice to replace retiring Andover Fire Chief Chuck Murnane.

"I think this department is really poised to move up to that next level," said Stapczynski. "And I think we have the chief who can do that in Mike Mansfield."

Selectmen must first approve the appointment of Mansfield before he can take over for Murnane, and Stapczynski urged the board to come to its decision by the first week in January.

"He's known, from his references, as a firefighter's firefighter," Stapczynski told the board on Monday. "And that's what we're looking for here."

The town manager chose Mansfield out of an initial field of more than 30 candidates, including Andover Deputy Fire Chief Jim Dolan, who along with Mansfield were the only two remaining candidates before Stapczynski announced his decision.

"At the end of the day there was no real bad choice," said selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli. "There were two good options."

"I think Buzz went through a deliberate process. I support his choice."

Mansfield has 26 years of experience as a firefighter, all with Nashua Fire Rescue.

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Michael B. Mansfield, Andover's new fire chief, meets Selectman Mary Lyman and the rest of the board during Monday night's meeting.

Sticky fingers?

With money coming in and going out, local youth sports leaders have installed safeguards

By Brian Messenger

Reacting to the grand jury indictment of Wilfred Daley, an Andover resident and former Tewksbury youth baseball president accused of stealing $423,000 from the league over four years, leaders of Andover's youth sports programs said they have safeguards meant to prevent such alleged abuse.

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> ANDOVER YOUTH BASEBALL PRESIDENT SEAN HOFFMAN

Daley will be arraigned at Middlesex Superior Court in Cambridge on Jan. 8. But he is not the only former youth sports league leader in America accused of stealing a small fortune from a kids' league. Two other Little League executives face sentencing next month for grand theft, forgery and embezzlement charges. Another pair of former league presidents recently were indicted or began serving sentences for embezzlement as well (*see sidebar, page 4*).

"Money makes people do strange things," said Andover Youth Baseball President Sean Hoffman. "All you have to do is read the newspapers every day and you'll see something."

Chris Downs, Little League International spokesman and media relations manager, said that while even a single dollar stolen from league coffers is inappropriate, the recent headlines don't necessarily signal a rash of illegal activity.

"It certainly is not an epidemic," said Downs. "We hear about a handful of these every year."

Out of Little League's roughly one million volunteers nationwide, Downs estimated that between five and 15 cases will come up each year involving the mishandling of league finances.

"These local leagues themselves are self sustaining," Downs said. "A local league must be accountable for the money they raise."

Andover leagues

The question in the minds of many parents – and youth sports league leaders themselves – is: How could no one notice for so long, assuming the allegations are true?

"I don't know how the league operated for four

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REJOICE!

CHRISTMAS STORY – A little bit of Bethlehem came to Andover on Sunday, Dec. 17 as West Parish Church held its 30th annual Outdoor Christmas Pageant at the historic West Parish Garden Cemetery Arch. The pageant is a re-enactment of the biblical story of the birth of Christ. Surrounded by angels, shepherds, the three Wise Men bearing gifts, and a stable of live animals, the the parts of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus were played by Sandy, Joseph and Adam Savoie. [*See Christmas services, page 18.*]

'Vehemently Racist Reputation'?

Wiki entry tries to tar town with brush of racism

By Brian Messenger

Wikipedia.org has become a popular venue for Web surfers seeking all kinds of information.

But what happens when that information is downright wrong?

Visitors to the online encyclopedia, where content is generated by everyday users, were in for a surprise early last week if they wanted to know a little bit more about the town of Andover and its history.

Under the Wikipedia entry, "Andover, Massachusetts," things started out pretty much as expected: the first sub-heading was about the town's establishment and incorporation, while the second touched upon Colonial Andover's 1692 brush with witch trials.

The third sub-heading, however, seemed highly questionable at best.

Under "Vehemently Racist Reputation," the entry went on to state that Andover was recently ranked the second-most racist town in the country by a monthly publication founded by former Black Panthers.

Along with outbreaks of racially-charged harassment and violence, the town had also tried to establish a slave-trade agreement with Boston

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Kathryn and Battista Remati proclaim their "JOY" in the Christmas season in lights outside their home at 6 Elm Court.

Also overflowing with the Christmas spirit is the home and yard at 8 Elm Court.

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Elm Court neighbors have that Christmas feeling

Above: A Christmas tree with lights, icicle lights hanging from the front porch, an illuminated Frosty the Snowman, and a lit-up Santa are among the light displays at 9 Elm Court. Right: The peace sign shines on the front of the house at at 5 Elm Court.

By Brian Messenger

THE ONE PROBLEM with Christmas in Australia? Eight-foot waving Santas are really hard to come by.

So when Kathryn and Battista Remati moved to Andover several years ago, they were a little surprised at the sight of their Elm Court neighbors' festive decor: candy canes, reindeer, trains, Nutcrackers, and of course, lots and lots of lights.

"They don't really do this sort of thing in Australia," said Kathryn Remati. "The first year we didn't know what to do."

But the Rematis are fast learners. This season they've got a waiving Santa, an inflatable "JOY" on their roof, and decorative lights on their house, fence and bushes.

"This year, we went crazy. And the neighbors are so happy," said Battista.

Elm Court, a short cul-de-sac off Elm Street, has certainly got its share of holiday spirit.

"It's the most *Christmas-y* street ever," said Remati, who lives with her husband and two children, Elliot, 13, and Ruby, 4.

While walking with Ruby, Remati recently counted a total of 60 decorative candy canes on the street.

"It's a nice, quiet little cul-de-sac, but we're really into Christmas," said Remati. "Everywhere you look, there's something."

> **"This year, we went crazy. And the neighbors are so happy."**
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> BATTISTA REMATI OF ELM COURT, ON DECORATING HIS HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS

Remati said that the Elm Court tradition of decorating houses and yards started with the Reed family.

"They just love Christmas. It's their favorite season," she said.

"We all have the Christmas spirit. It's a close-knit community."

Though they didn't light up their property in Australia, the Rematis had their own Christmas tradition Down Under: swimming.

After a baked holiday dinner, complimented with lots of seafood, Kathryn and Battista would always go down to the beach for a swim.

"We don't do that anymore, obviously," she said. "Now we have a fire pit on Christmas Eve out on our patio."

Remati said the family has plans to roast marshmallows and listen to carols by the fire this year.

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OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The top photo shows downtown Andover circa 1950, with wreaths and holiday lights strung across Main Street. The bottom photo shows Main Street as it looked this Monday. Residents who have an older photo for this feature are invited to stop by the paper or mail the photo and information to the *Townsman* at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, 01810.

Keep snow from mailboxes

Postmaster Michael C. Quinn has asked postal customers to keep walkways and curbside mailboxes clear of snow and ice to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of mail this winter.

Quinn asked residents who receive mail delivery to rural or curbside boxes to keep the approach to and exit from their mailbox clear of snow, ice, vehicles, trash cans and other objects.

"This will permit the carrier to drive up to your mailbox and deposit or collect mail without leaving the vehicle. The approach to and exit from the mailbox should be cleared sufficiently on both sides to allow the carrier to drive ahead and not be required to back up after delivery," he said.

Carbon monoxide law deadline

Earlier this year, the state Board of Fire Prevention Regulations passed emergency regulations to implement the law known as "Nicole's Law."

Buildings that are required by regulation to have hard-wired carbon-monoxide systems must have those systems installed by Jan. 1.

The vast majority of homes are not required to install hard-wired systems but carbon monoxide alarms were required in all residences with potential sources of carbon monoxide as of March 31, according to State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Andover Chief Charles H. Murnane Jr.

Residents can call the Andover Fire Prevention Office at 978-623-8307.

Get in your idea soon for Town Meeting

Have an idea to improve Andover? Although Town Meeting will not take place until April, the warrant for Annual Town Meeting will close Friday, Jan. 19 at 4:30 p.m. Call or stop by the town clerk's office for a form and information on how to file a private warrant article, or visit www.andoverma.gov and search under "Town Meeting."

The town clerk's office can be reached at 978-623-8257.

Town census coming

The annual town census will be mailed to residents at the beginning of January.

People leaving town for extended periods should contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8257 so that they will not be dropped from the census rolls.

The town census is the only legal way that the town clerk of any municipality can verify residency. The town clerk's office says it is increasingly receiving requests for residency verification especially to prove residency for public school admittance. Also, all registered voters must verify residency each year to remain on the voter rolls per state law.

Corrections

Andover High School student Kevin Hitchko was inadvertently left off a list of football players who received awards at the Dec. 10 banquet. Hitchko received a Merrimack Valley Conference "All-Conference – Honorable Mention" award.

The president of Andover Coalition for Education was misidentified in the Dec. 14 article "Engineering takes off." She is Tina Girdwood.

Clarification

In the article "Wheels of Justice to roll Jan. 5," Tom Meyers was quoted as saying, "I speak for myself and the other teachers: we're very happy that [the] administration is allowing speakers to come in the same format we'd originally scheduled for them." To clarify, Meyers was speaking only for the teachers who organized the Wheels visit. He was not presuming to speak for all Andover High teachers.

Quote, unquote . . .

THERE'S A LOT of costs associated with it, between insurance, equipment, field maintenance. You'd be surprised.

– Andover Little League President Sean Hoffman on the amount of money that popular youth sports leagues can handle. An Andover man was accused last week of stealing $423,000 from Tewksbury's youth baseball league. **(Story, page 1)**

News Calendar

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Housing Trust Fund Board, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 4:30 p.m.

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, Activity Room, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 4

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, hall, 7 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, school committee room, executive session, 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m.

Cultural Council, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Tri Town Regional Development open breakfast meeting, West Parish Hall, Reservation Road at Lowell Street, 8 a.m.

Early 'Townsman' deadlines next two weeks

The *Townsman* office will be closed the next two Mondays, on Christmas and New Year's Day.

As a result, the paper will also have early deadlines for its Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 issues. Advertising copy is due on Friday. Items for the events calendar are due Thursday at noon.

World War II historian to speak at law school

World War II revisionist historian John Mosier, Loyola University New Orleans professor of English, will speak at the Massachusetts School of Law on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in the law school's courtroom No. 2. He will discuss his new book, *Cross of Iron: The Rise and Fall of the German War Machine, 1918-1945*. The public is invited to attend and admission is free. No reservations are required.

"*Cross of Iron* (Henry Holt and Company) offers an intimate portrait of the 20th Century German army from its inception, through World War I and the interwar years," to the end of World War II, according to a release from the school.

Book to explore the beginnings of town split

In the 1680s, as Andover settlers were starting to live farther and farther away from the North Parish Church, the town agreed to build a more centrally located meetinghouse.

But with a wave of Native American attacks on the town, the 1692 witch trials and the death of the North Parish minister, that new church never became a reality – setting off a series of events that eventually led to the split of Andover and North Andover.

That's just a small part of the research Elinor Abbot conducted while writing her new book, *Our Company Increases Apace: History, Language and Social Identity in Early Colonial Andover*. It comes out next year.

– Colin Steele

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Not an epidemic, officials say

■ **FINANCIAL MISHANDLING OCCURS**

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or five years with that much cash missing at all," said Hoffman.

Fees to play baseball in Andover range from $80 to 150 per child, according to Hoffman, who said no matter the sport, financial mishandling could occur simply because of the cash coming in and out of any youth sports league.

"They [Tewksbury baseball] have 1,000 kids in their system, maybe 1,200," Hoffman estimated. "Plus, they do a summer team. You do the math."

Frank Flanagan, the current president of the Youth Baseball League of Tewksbury, did not return a call earlier this week, though the league's board of directors issued a statement on Dec. 13 acknowledging Daley's indictment.

"We are shocked at the dollar amount listed in the indictment, and are saddened that it has affected the youth of Tewksbury," read the statement.

Neither Daley's defense attorney, Ray Ilg of Lowell, nor the Tewksbury Police Department returned calls from the *Townsman*.

"There's a lot of costs associated with it, between insurance, equipment, field maintenance. You'd be surprised," said Hoffman of running a youth athletic league. "I was shocked by the number myself."

The Andover Youth Baseball board of directors met the night after Daley's indictment, and Hoffman had anticipated it would come up in discussion in hopes that, "not just today, but in the future, that something like this will never happen in the organization," he said.

All public, non-profit sports leagues must be registered by the state and file an annual financial report with the secretary of state, IRS and charities division within the attorney general's office. The public can view a specific league's report by going to the attorney general's office.

Ham Barnes, treasurer of the Andover Soccer Association, also expected the association's board members to discuss the indictment at an upcoming meeting. Barnes offered several examples of how financial issues within the association are disclosed to any interested party.

"We certainly have monthly meetings, reports given out at those monthly meetings, an annual meeting, and an audit," Barnes said. "There are a bunch of things that we do."

Selectman Ted Teichert, vice president of the Andover Junior Football League, said, "We have a good checks-and-balances type system." "We have a treasurer, but we're all aware of what's going on. We review the bills and whatever comes up."

Hoffman said Andover youth baseball conducts a yearly audit and that because it is a public non-profit organization, it also files tax returns. He believed it was a good thing that leagues' finances will likely come under greater scrutiny after Daley's indictment.

"It makes you think," he said. "We have safeguards to protect against that kind of stuff. We have to have our finances reviewed. That's done on a yearly basis."

Downs said that Little League regularly urges local leagues to maintain proper oversight with their finances.

"The majority of the people in our programs are involved for the right reasons," he said.

The charges against Daley

Wilfred Daley, a West Andover lawyer, is suspected to have stolen $423,000 by writing out league checks to himself, as well as by using the league's debit card for personal purchases, according to the district attorney's office.

After a Billerica sporting goods store complained about not receiving payment from the league, Tewksbury police and the Middlesex District Attorney's office began an investigation of league finances in March.

Daley, 58, was indicted by a grand jury on Dec. 13 and charged with two counts of larceny over $250.

He is suspected to have stolen the funds from the league between 2002 and 2006.

Sean Hoffman, Andover youth baseball president who has served for four years, said that while he did not know Daley personally, he had met him three times previously at Little League meetings, as Daley was also an elected district administrator for Little League's District 14 of Massachusetts.

"Fred had been around a long time," said Hoffman.

According to Downs, Daley served as district administrator from 1983 to 1992, and again from February 2003 until April 2006.

Hoffman said Daley's wife served as treasurer of the Tewksbury league for a period.

According to the Middlesex District Attorney's office, only Daley faces charges as a result of the eight-month investigation leading up to his indictment last week.

"At this point, he's the only one charged," said spokeswoman Emily LaGrassa.

As district administrator, Daley acted as the liaison between Little League headquarters and 20 area leagues; had the authority to call meetings and designate sites for district tournaments; as well as nominate umpires for upper-level tournaments.

According to Little League's Web site, "the District Administrator's primary consideration must always be gauged towards the best interests of Little League Baseball."

FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Fees to play baseball in Andover range from $80 to $150 per child, according to Andover Youth Baseball President Sean Hoffman. Wilfred Daley, an Andover resident, has been charged with mishandling of league finances in Tewksbury. Above: In July 2004, the Andover Nationals 11-12 Little League All-Stars played Lawrence Prospect Hill in the District 14 Tournament at Deyermond Fields.

Grass isn't always greener

On same day as charges against Wilfred Daley were announced, NY State senator is accused of taking the same amount – $423K!

By Brian Messenger

Though news of West Andover lawyer Wilfred Daley's indictment by a grand jury last week hit close to home, charges of embezzlement and grand theft have also been issued against four former Little League executives in California, Washington, Michigan and Virginia in recent months.

And on the same day (Dec. 13) the Middlesex Attorney General's Office announced the charges against Daley, the Associated Press reported New York State Sen. Efrain Gonzalez, Jr. was being indicted for the theft of federal funds, conspiracy and money laundering in connection with a scheme involving a non-profit group that funded little league baseball.

Gonzalez was accused of stealing $423,000 between 1999 and 2004 through taking advantage of charity groups and steering state grants toward three non-profit organizations, including Pathways for Youth, formerly known as the Boys' Athletic League, whose executive director was an associate of Gonzalez's also indicted in the scheme.

The four other cases involving ex-little league executives:

CALIFORNIA – Former West Side Little League president Stacy Blevins was ordered by a superior court on Dec. 12 to repay the $17,953 she stole from the league between Jan. 2003 and May 2004. Blevins, who had pleaded guilty to embezzlement in October and was sentenced to 10 months in jail on Nov. 17., wrote league checks to herself and then deposited them in her personal account, and also wrote league checks to department and grocery stores for personal purchases.

WASHINGTON – Former Post Falls Little League treasurer James A. Harris pleaded guilty to charges of grand theft after allegedly stealing more than $30,000 from league bank accounts and fundraising efforts. Harris turned himself in to police on Oct. 1 and will be sentenced Jan. 9, though by entering an Alford plea he is not admitting to the crime, but only that there is likely enough evidence for his conviction.

MICHIGAN – Former Westwood Little League vice president Gary Geister pleaded guilty to single counts of forgery and embezzlement on Nov. 29, admitted to forging his wife's name, the league treasurer, on a check for $4,500. Prosecutors suspect Geister, who will be sentenced Jan. 16, embezzled $18,000 from the league over the past two years.

VIRGINIA – Former Washington County Little League president Wendy Rogers was charged with embezzlement and was indicted in November by a grand jury. Rogers faces more than a dozen charges of forgery and bad checks and is accused of stealing more than $5,000 from the league.

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How Christmas was celebrated in 19th Century Andover

By Joan Patrakis

EVEN BEFORE CHRISTMAS became a state holiday in 1855, religious and secular traditions were firmly in place in Andover.

Church services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were followed by Sabbath school programs featuring recitations, dialogues and singing by the children.

Neighborhood gatherings with music, speeches and refreshments were an annual custom in Frye Village by 1853. Toys and holiday gifts were advertised by local merchants. Well-behaved boys and girls hung their stockings and anticipated Santa's visit.

On Christmas Day, many residents enjoyed sleigh rides and ice skating with friends.

In the following years, holiday festivities were celebrated at an increasing number of community events. Temperance festivals at Town Hall offered entertainment and social interaction, as well as raising money for its charitable cause through the sale of baked goods and handmade items.

Ballardvale Temperance Society hosted a Christmas Day festival in 1857 with afternoon and evening events highlighted by an oyster supper enjoyed by 250 residents. An annual neighborhood get-together was initiated in the Scotland District in 1866. Summer Street residents adopted the custom in 1871.

Singing by the Andover Quartette Club and the Lockhart Society was enjoyed at temperance festivals and neighborhood gatherings. Lively entertainment was supplied by instrumental groups. At church school concerts Christmas carols were performed by the children.

In 1871 members of a brass band toured Ballardvale village early Christmas morning and serenaded at several residents' homes. Andover native James R. Murray gained some measure of fame in 1887 by composing the music to the carol *Away in A Manger*.

In 1861 the Christmas "gift tree" made its appearance in Andover at the Temperance Missionary Society Festival. Decorated with fruit, candy and presents and illuminated with candles, trees became a tradition at community gatherings. In 1867 the Baptist church displayed three illuminated trees covered with toys and sweets for the children. The Scotland District's gift tree was weighted down with presents for 150 guests in 1872.

Harriet Beecher Stowe, an Andover resident between 1852 and 1862, reportedly had a home tree before they were common. At one of the author's popular socials, the always-surprising Mrs. Stowe displayed a tree decorated with humorous gifts for her guests. Many Andover homes adopted the tree tradition by the 1890s. Residents who preferred not to cut down their own tree, could purchase one at J. H. Campion's grocery store for a low price and have it delivered.

Until the introduction of the gift tree, Christmas giving focused on the children. The exchange of gifts between family and friends was a New Year's tradition but it was gradually replaced by the custom of Christmas gift-giving. Amusing gifts were exchanged at neighborhood socials. "Santa" distributed presents at church school events, although one year when his busy schedule prevented a visit to the Congregational church, the Old Woman Who Lived in A Shoe substituted.

Newspaper advertising in the 1860s reflected the growing interest in giving gifts and a trend toward larger and expensive presents. Sleds and skates for the children, fur muffs for the ladies and wool sleigh robes for the gentlemen competed with the traditional items of juvenile books, silver thimbles and pocket bibles. The *Andover Townsman* noted in 1883 Santa had difficulty fitting all the gifts into some children's stockings. Gifts with a local flavor were popular in the '90s. Smith & Manning introduced a line of holiday souvenir crockery featuring scenes of historic Andover sites in 1893. Notable books for sale in 1896 were *Glimpses of Andover* and *Mrs. Downs' Historic Andover*.

FILE PHOTO

In the 21st Century, a giant tree at Brickstone Square is no longer an annual event.

As the Christmas custom took hold, the bustle of holiday shopping was undertaken earlier in December. The *Advertiser* noted in 1873 busy preparations were carried on for weeks. The *Townsman* reported an 1890 scene, familiar to 21st century residents, of mails and expresses pouring into the community loaded with packages.

During the financial crisis of the mid-1890s, shoppers were encouraged to support local retailers and to purchase useful gifts such as handkerchiefs and underwear.

As early as 1866 the American custom of last-minute shopping was already evident in Andover. The *Andover Advertiser* reported a brisk trade was carried on in local stores crowded with Christmas Eve shoppers.

A *Townsman* column noted J. E. Whiting hired extra salesmen in 1883 but his jewelry store was so packed with last-minute shoppers, "locomotion" was nearly impossible.

By the end of the century, electric lights decorated the tree, and after-Christmas bargains were offered by local retailers. But a *Townsman* editorial complained Christmas giving had gone out of control and had lost the true meaning of the Christmas spirit.

"The average American cannot really afford to become any more selfish than he is at present. Already the self-centered life is holding too full sway in our daily doings and the spirit of charity is being badly choked in its efforts to survive the pushing Yankee method of living."

Mansfield: Ready to give Andover Fire & Rescue a full assessment

■ NEW FIRE CHIEF

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While noting that Nashua and Andover are almost equal in geographic size, Mansfield pointed out he will be making the move to a less densely populated community, as well as a significantly smaller department.

Nashua, with 180 firefighters, has more than twice the number of staff members than the Andover Fire Department, according to Mansfield.

"I'm closing one chapter of my fire service career and beginning a new one," Mansfield said.

Mansfield said he hoped to draft a strategic departmental plan that would outline the future of Andover Fire & Rescue for the next three to five years, using his own observations, as well those of current staff members and the recent independent report conducted by Municipal Resources Inc.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Michael Mansfield

"With the MRI report that was done, that pretty much spelled out what a third party wants to do within the organization," said Mansfield.

"I'm going to have to go in there and do a full assessment, from stem to stern."

Stapczynski, who described Mansfield as a "firm and fair" leader, has marked Feb. 4 as the possible first day for the new chief, noting his the transition into the new position would be immediate.

"He's going to need to get his arms around the budget," said Stapczynski. "That will be the first thing."

"I'm confident he will do well with the numbers and the budget."

Stapczynski urged Mansfield to reach out to both the firefighter's union as well as the community at large.

"He knows quite a bit about Andover," the town manager said of Mansfield during interviews. "He was very well prepared."

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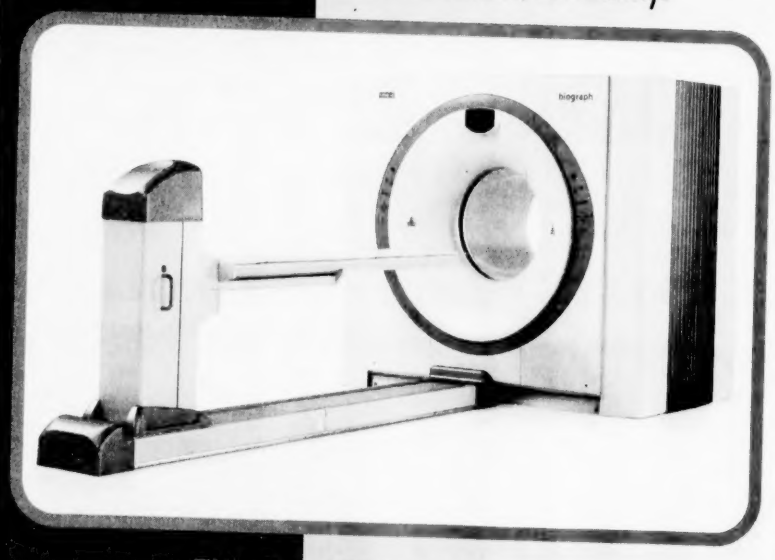

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Town info vandalized on Wikipedia

■ **WIKIPEDIA ENTRY**

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and was allegedly the headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan.

"Vandalism is a persistent problem," said Brad Patrick, interim executive director of Wikimedia Foundation, the non-profit group that runs Wikipedia. "But our community is committed to doing the best it can to correct that sort of thing as quickly as possible."

At 11:02 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Dec. 11, according to Patrick, a user identified only by his IP address first inserted the paragraph under question into Andover's Wikipedia entry.

Later that night, a source for the newly added information was requested by another Wikipedia user, before a second user deleted the passage altogether.

Though it was posted again soon after, the "Vehemently Racist Reputation" paragraph was then deleted for a second and final time.

Its lifespan on Wikipedia was less than 10 hours old, but the passage still should have been spotted earlier, according to Patrick.

"I'm excited to see that the more ridiculous aspects of it do disappear," said Andover Historical Society Vice President Don Robb, of the deleted paragraph. "It just is a ridiculous piece of nonsense that doesn't make sense."

Robb, who read the entire Andover entry and said that all other content was fairly historically sound, warned that information from Wikipedia and other Internet sites should always be taken with a grain of salt.

"You really need to ask yourself a lot more questions," Robb said of electronic sources. "Because anybody can put up a blog on the Internet. I can write about anything I want about any period of history, and if I write it profoundly enough, somebody could believe it."

Glenda Schaake, coordinator of reference services at Memorial Hall Library, had a similar opinion of Wikipedia.

"I think you have to be aware of it the same way as you do the other sites online," she said. "Anything you use, you have to check with other sources."

Schaake said the reference librarians at Memorial Hall Library always tell people to look for accuracy, currency and authority when it comes to evaluating information sources.

"It's hard not to use Wikipedia once in a while," Schaake said. "A lot of the articles are concise and written well. It's hard not to give it as a source to students often."

"In the olden days, before the Internet, you went to the library," added Robb.

"There are professional standards that are in place. The problem with the Internet is there's no gatekeeper like that."

Anyone can edit a Wikipedia entry, said Patrick, which is often why instances of vandalism occur on the site.

Patrick characterized Andover's recent problem as more subtle than other bottom-of-the-barrel content additions, which he described as, "sophomoric, juvenile vandalism."

"If you put something up that is obviously vandalism, we're going to catch it right away," he said.

Mark Ranalli, CEO of Andover-based Helium.com, a site that offers both user-generated and user-evaluated content with a rating system, said that part of Wikipedia's problem is that it tries to represent itself as an encyclopedia.

"It's both a positive and a negative that you're seeing," Ranalli said, noting that while content can be altered inappropriately or inaccurately, in Andover's case it was fixed in a relatively short period of time.

On Helium.com, "You don't operate in such anonymity. It's your name, your article," said Ranalli. "It's represented not as fact, but the insight of the individual. We represent a balancing act in this process."

Robb said that though he always tries to use multiple sources on the Internet, he still frequents the Wikipedia site.

"The thing I like about Wikipedia is that it's a work in progress," he said.

ACTUAL TEXT OF DISPUTED WIKIPEDIA PARAGRAPH:

Vehemently Racist Reputation

Andover was recently ranked the #2 racist town in the country in the November 15th issue of "African American Monthly," founded by former Black Panthers. Among the gravest concerns are frequent harassment, as well as the pillaging of African-American homes by disgruntled residents (most of whom make over $2 million a year). Andover was also affirmed to have attempted to initiate a slave trade with Boston in 1999. Furthermore, the KKK is alleged to have its headquarters in Andover, specifically on Colonial Drive, where the enormous mansions which constitute the neighborhood can provide accommodations for meetings.

NOTE: The Memorial Hall Library reference desk confirmed that *African American Monthly* does not exist.

"In the olden days, before the Internet, you went to the library."

DON ROBB, ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY VICE PRESIDENT

Library has its own wiki branch

By Brian Messenger

Can't remember the specific year the town was forced to spray for a huge influx of gypsy moths?

Or how about the year the "Theater Building" on Essex Street was torn down to add more parking at the library?

A new Web site created by staff members at the Memorial Hall Library has the answers, and nearly 200 more, to the various queries about town history – both distant and recent.

"It has a lot of questions and answers that are asked about Andover frequently," said systems librarian Dean Baumeister. "It makes for a nice repository."

The site, www.mhl.org/answers, was designed using Mediawiki software, which was provided by the creators of the popular online encyclopedia Wikipedia.org.

"It will constantly be a work in progress," said Glenda Schaake, coordinator of reference services. "We're always adding to it."

Though Schaake plans for an official opening of the site sometime in January or February, the site is accessible to Internet users now.

People can send proposed additions to the site's content, though unlike Wikipedia.org, actual changes can only be executed by library staff.

"It will be open up for discussion," Schaake said of the content on the site.

The idea for the site came after reference librarians began keeping a file of 3-by-5-inch index cards, cataloging oft-asked questions by town residents frequenting the library, Schaake said.

The Mediawiki software has provided an interactive and accessible forum for the information previously stored in the file, and the site has already began growing, according to Schaake.

"We're continuing to add to it," she said.

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Opinion

Check, mate

THE ALLEGATIONS against an Andover man accused of stealing $423,000 from a Tewksbury youth baseball league can serve as a cautionary tale for Andover leagues and people who give to worthy causes. It shows why it is healthy even for altruistic organizations to conduct their business in transparent manners. When financial documents are readily available for public viewing and there is a series of real checks and balances in place before money can be spent, it helps ensure that money meant to help kids or other good causes actually does so.

Alleged crimes such as the one in Tewksbury must not prevent people from being involved in causes and giving to them – quite the contrary. During this time of charity and good cheer we encourage people simply to check into the groups they support, ensuring that all good deeds not only go unpunished, but help to make the season bright, as intended.

Online high jinks

IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER – or had no sense of humor, history or common sense – last week you might have believed Andover was an evil place.

Thanks to the work of a practical joker, for a short time the online encyclopedia-like site Wikipedia referred to Andover as "vehemently racist."

A few sentences added to the town's entry on the site invented a history of the town's supposed transgressions against African-Americans. Andover isn't perfect, of course, but it was a part of the Underground Railroad. The Memorial Hall in Memorial Hall Library is devoted to those who gave their life fighting to abolish slavery.

Wikipedia responded quickly to the ludicrous posting, taking it down. But the incident should remind us to maintain a healthy skepticism about the credibility of Internet sites meant as reference sources. They remain vulnerable to the whims of those with lots of time on their hands.

Web question

When doing research, do you wiki?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: **Should Andover further limit how many town employees it allows to take home town vehicles?** A total of 41 people responded.

• 6 people, or 15 percent, said, "No, these employees deserve these vehicles because they respond to emergencies."

• 5 people, or 12 percent, said, "No, but personal use of vehicles should be limited."

• 1 person, or 2 percent, said, "No, it's a deserved perk."

• 19 people, or 46 percent, said, "Yes, 17 employees do not need take-home vehicles."

• 10 people, or 24 percent, said, "Yes, the cost of gasoline, insurance, etc. is too expensive."

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is: **What do you think of Wikipedia.org as a source for information?**

• I use it like any other source of information on the Internet.

• I use it very frequently as a source of information, but only occasionally check it against other references.

• I use Wikipedia often, but always check the information presented with other sources.

• I never use Wikipedia because it is too unreliable a source.

• What's Wikipedia?

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GOOD TIDINGS, GOOD CHEER

From left, Jeremy Perron, Nate Baker and Brandon Cooney painted themselves with the team colors for the Golden Warriors basketball game against Haverhill last Friday, Dec. 15. The Warriors' comeback was successful, 59-55.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

LETTERS

ANDOVER SCHOOLS

Line drawn between SPED, 'top' students

Editor, *Townsman:*

I am the parent of two children who have attended the Andover Public Schools, and I have experienced the muddied waters of the special education experience in Andover.

It was no surprise that Richard Collins, who is a School Committee member, would draw a line in the sand between special needs students who are failing and superior students who excel.

He explicitly stated that special needs students are "kids of lower ability" and, I believe, implied that they could not compete "with those kids on top." I wonder if this would include any child in Andover who tests poorly, including children without special needs? Is it only the kids on top who count? Do we not set high standards for all children?

This pervasive attitude in Andover almost prevented my very talented daughter from achieving her educational and career goals. I pulled her from the Andover schools at the end of the fifth grade at significant financial cost. She hopes to attend Smith College next fall.

Roberta Pinta
20 Hemlock Road

Artificial turf field will be good for all town players

Editor, *Townsman:*

The proposed field turf at Andover High School's Eugene Lovely Field benefits everyone. When I state everyone, I do mean everyone.

If you are a resident with no children in the schools or youth leagues, this project would not affect your taxes or require a debt exclusion or, dare we say, override. You ask about the cost? Private funds will be raised to cover installation, and rental fees will pay for the future maintenance.

Naturally if you have children involved in many of the youth or school sports, a field like this will be consistently in great condition on a regular basis. No more witnessing a muddy field on Thanksgiving Day.

This type of field will also free up other fields in town and prevent their wear and tear. It will also put less strain on scheduling the use of fields and allow other grass fields in town to rest.

This project is not just geared to the sport of football or just the Andover Junior Football League; it benefits other sports and leagues, such as lacrosse, soccer and field hockey. The Andover High band practices on Lovely Field.

Having grown up in town, I know the AHS field was never available for many other uses. I can understand why. With more wear and tear, the field would need much more maintenance.

Everyone will be pleased with this project. I have heard the comment, "Why don't we have a nice field?" over and over. If you look at this proposal, its a win-win for everybody.

The town has been blessed with many people who wish to do the right thing for our town, either by volunteering or spearheading a project privately that would not be a financial burden to the town.

As former teacher of mine and former athletic director Jim Hurley told me, "it's not what we can't do, but rather what can we do."

This is something that we can do.

Ted Teichert
5 Dufton Road

The writer is vice president of the Andover Junior Football League and a selectman.

On drug prices, let's benefit the many, not the few

Editor, *Townsman:*

The upcoming debate in the 110th Congress and possible votes on Medicare prescription pricing policy prompted me to recall the Star Trek movie where Mr. Spock sacrifices his life to save the Enterprise from total destruction – to benefit the many, not the few.

It seems that Big Pharma is not too sanguine about the prospect of benefiting the many by negotiating lower drug prices for Medicare recipients. The current law covering the Medicare prescription drug coverage specifically prohibits negotiations between the federal government and major drug companies to seek lower prices for approved drugs. According to many news reports, other federal agencies and departments have successfully negotiated lower drug prices for other government health programs. You may also recall how Canada and other foreign countries have successfully negotiated lower costs in behalf of their citizens.

Even before all the votes were counted in the past election, the Big Pharma public relations blitz to counter efforts to change the status quo was off and running. Witness the major story about Big Pharma in last week's Sunday Magazine and FDA's disapproval of a major drug to benefit heart attack victims among others.

The not-so-subtle message that is being promoted is "don't mess with the drug prices in Medicare Part D". And the fear card is being played: lower prices will mean less future research for new wonder drugs.

In my view, why should our government *not* negotiate for lower prices? Other federal agencies and foreign governments benefit from lower prices through negotiations. Why should America's Medicare recipients not benefit from lower prices?

We are told that lower prices will discourage R&D for new drugs by reducing needed resources to support new research. What is not said is that the taxpayers already support extensive R&D activities that benefit Big Pharma through grants awarded by the National Institutes of Health. Even with all the inherent risks in developing new prescription drugs, Big Pharma continues to be a highly profitable industry.

The prospect of Congressional hearings about the Medicare Part D program should be welcomed as a way to bring transparency and public scrutiny to the prescription drug program and to allow potential conflicts in opinion and seemingly contradictory facts to be fully aired and reported by the media.

In the spirit of Star Trek, let's see if benefiting the many is still better than benefiting the few. What is good for America should be good enough for Big Pharma.

John F. Zipeto
14 Canterbury St.

THURSDAY FILE

Life isn't a "grand" anything; it's an accumulation of little moments.

PAULINE HART

Love vanquishes time. To lovers, a moment can be eternity, eternity can be the tick of a clock.

MARY PARRISH

To think is easy. To act is difficult. To act as one thinks is the most difficult.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETH

Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier.

CHARLES F. KETTERING

There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all.

PETER F. DRUCKER

The Thursday File can be found online, and contains quotations such as the ones on this page.

The coolest gift: New lights to save the planet

Editor, *Townsman:*

Wouldn't you like to buy the "coolest" gift for everyone on your holiday list? It's not too expensive. You don't need to go to the mall. You don't really even need to know the perfect size or color (but it might help). And, what's best – it'll help save the planet. That perfect gift?

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One small step will make a big cumulative difference. The EPA Web site states that "if every American home replaced just one light bulb with an Energy Star bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes for a year and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of nearly 800,000 cars."

By the way, the Discovery Channel's *Myth Busters* tested a myth about turning off fluorescent lights. They found that if you're leaving off the light for 13 seconds or more, it's worth turning it off. So, go ahead, turn off the lights and give the cool, new thing to everyone on your list!

Candy Dann
4 Rock O'Dundee Road

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Dec. 13 – At 4:30 p.m., Jacquelyn Powers, 20, of 12 Lavender Hill Lane, was arrested on warrant for larceny over $250 and receiving stolen property.

Thursday, Dec. 14 – At 1:27 p.m., Kenneth Lucia, 45, of 5 Rutgers Rd., was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence.

Saturday, Dec. 17 – At 3:21 a.m., Chong Suk Moon, 45, of 46 Fernald Ave., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with failure to yield at an intersection and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Sunday, Dec. 17 – At 1:10 a.m., Roland Roberge, 28, of 240 Elm St., Amesbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 8:04 p.m., Nastasia Drewniak, 17, of 344 Elm Street, Milford, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

At 8:19 p.m., Justin Levesque, 17, of 7 Turner Drive, North Reading, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

At 8:31 p.m., David Clifford, 19, of 17 Hayes Rd., Alton, N.H., was arrested and charged with carrying a dangerous weapon, possession of a Class D substance, and possession of a Class D substance with intent to distribute.

Monday, Dec. 18 – At 7:11 a.m., Carlos Rivera, 21, of 20 Davenport St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 4:49 p.m., Sobeida Arias, 25, of 273 Pleasant St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a revoked registration, and an uninsured motor vehicle / trailer.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 13 – At 7:42 a.m., a custodian on Magnolia Avenue reported a window was broken during the night.

At 12:01 p.m., a Haverhill Street caller reported a possible rabid rabbit at their front door. An officer reported the rabbit was having a seizure and moved it to a different location.

At 3:08 p.m., an Elm Square caller reported an altercation with a trespassing juvenile.

Friday, Dec. 15 – At 12:19 p.m., a woman reported she was assaulted at Greater Lawrence Technical School.

At 5:19 p.m., larceny was reported on Central Street.

Sunday, Dec. 17 – At 1:01 p.m., a North Main Street man reported vandalism to his snowplow markers.

At 1:04 p.m., an anonymous man walked into the station to report a man on High Plain Road had been seen dragging a Christmas tree from conservation land. An officer spoke to the man, who was to come to the station with the tree.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Monday, Dec. 18 – At 8:00 a.m., a Bulfinch Drive woman reported vandalism to her black Mercedes, which occurred overnight.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 – At 6:50 p.m., a Boston Sports Club employee on Lowell Street reported hearing of two motor vehicle break-ins in the parking lot.

At 7:13 p.m., a motor vehicle was broken into while parked in the Boston Sports Club parking lot on Lowell Street.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 13 – At 4:23 p.m., a two-car motor vehicle crash with personal injury was reported on Osgood Street.

At 5:28 p.m., a two-car motor vehicle crash with personal injury was reported on Frontage Road by the bottom of the Route 93 ramp.

Thursday, Dec. 14 – At 6:21 p.m., a two-car motor vehicle accident with personal injury at Clark and Dascomb roads was reported.

Friday, Dec. 15 – At 3:13 p.m., a caller reported her car was rear-ended by another vehicle on Chestnut Street before it sped away without stopping after the accident.

Monday, Dec. 18 – At 8:18 p.m., a woman reported a hit and run to her car on Friday at the Bank of America parking lot off of Central Street.

THEFTS

Thursday, Dec. 14 – At 11:31 a.m., a theft on Porter Road was reported and the resident believed it was committed by a family member.

Friday, Dec. 15 – At 7:08 a.m., a woman reported being pickpocketed the day before at either Dunkin' Donuts or Richdales. Her ATM card had been taken and was used at various locations.

Sunday, Dec. 17 – At 8:20 a.m., an Endfield Drive resident reported the theft of her blow-up Santa sometime during the night.

At 1:14 p.m., a panic alarm was activated by an employee on North Main Street because they had a shoplifter in custody.

At 5:09 p.m., a woman from a store on Lowell Street reported she was missing money, which had been gone since business hours the day before.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 – At 1:21 p.m., the manager of a store on Park Street requested to speak with an officer about an employee that may be taking money from the register.

FAX IT: 978-470-2819

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago – 1906

Go to Flanders' for Christmas candy. Try the Nougatines. They are delicious.

Ammon P. Richardson lost a valuable horse which died of colic on Tuesday night.

Miss Jane Coyne of Pine street spent several days recently with friends in Newburyport.

Miss Maria Fairweather has entered the employ of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

While coasting on Phillips Street on Monday afternoon, Blanchard Ralph, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ralph, was thrown from his double runner and sustained a bad break to his right leg.

The soccer football contest between the Andover and Methuen teams for the championship of the Lowell and Lawrence district, which was to have been played at Methuen Saturday, was postponed until spring, the storm preventing the playing of the game Saturday.

The teachers of the John Dove School tendered Miss Alice Wyman, the kindergarten teacher, a farewell lunch at the schoolhouse on Tuesday afternoon at the close of school. Miss Wyman severs her connection with the local schools today at the beginning of winter term. She will teach in the public schools of Salem.

The Florella trio entertained a large dancing party in Pilgrim Hall on Wednesday evening and it was one of the most enjoyable in the series that they have held this winter. The trio played excellent music and were called upon to respond to many encores. T. E. Rhodes served refreshments at intermission.

Daniel Haggerty, coachman for William M. Wood, was thrown from a sleigh on Chestnut Street on Monday afternoon and was severely cut about the face and head. He was turning a corner when the runner caught and the sleigh overturned. Mr. Haggerty was picked up unconscious and was taken to Dr. C. E. Abbott's office, where his injuries were dressed. The horse was stopped on Railroad Street and no other damage was done.

Today (12/21/06) is Forefathers' Day.

Michael J. White, mayor-elect of Dover, N.H., was a recent visitor at the home of his uncle, P. J. Daly, the well-known grocer of North Main Street.

75 Years Ago – 1931

Actuated by a desire to free Andover residents from any fears of pollution in the drinking water at Haggett's Pond and to ensure for all time absolutely pure drinking water, the Board of Public Works, with the permission of the Finance Commission, which considered the situation an emergency and appropriated money from the town reserve fund, has purchased and installed a chlorinator at Haggett's Pond at an expense of $850.

Through the co-operation of the Lions Club, the Colonial Theatre, James E. Greeley and Co., and Mrs. Lotta Johnson, the Board of Health nurse, the schoolchildren of the town will have an opportunity to help the needy Saturday morning by attending the early morning show for the price of one vegetable.

Calling for a 10 percent cut in the budgets of all town departments, a letter has been

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 21

Super Holiday Blood Drive, 1 to 7 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., Andover. Includes complimentary food and T-shirts, drawings and music. For an appointment, call 1-800-448-3543.

Friday, Dec. 22

Photos with Santa, 6 to 8 p.m. at Brickstone Square with Merrimack Valley YMCA, Andover. Photos $5 each. Proceeds benefit YMCA youth and teen programs.

Saturday, Dec. 23

Holiday festivities, noon to 4 p.m., including Patriot Fife and Drum Duo, Dueling Trumpets and King of Grace Church carolers at The Loop, Methuen.

Booksigning with Gregory Der Bogosian, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St. Small illustrated "History of Boston" contains sketches and facts. An Andover edition is also available. Free; all welcome. 978-475-0143.

Sunday, Dec. 31
New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve Singles dinner dance, 6 p.m. at American Legion, Route 121, Haverhill. Presented by The Single Life. Tickets $35 dinner; $15 dance only. For reservations, call Cindy at 978-373-3504.

Friday, Jan. 5

Free Parent/Child Music Workshop, 10 a.m. presented by Music Together at North Andover American School of Karate. Space limited. To register, call Rosemary Halloran at 978-688-3326 or e-mail musictogetheratt@comcast.net.

Saturday, Jan. 6

Hillies Hockey Alumni Game, 4 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Arena in Haverhill. Odd class years versus even years. Followed by Haverhill High versus Andover game at 6 p.m. 978-372-2859.

James Cintolo performance, 8 p.m. at Borders at The Loop, Pleasant Valley Street, Methuen. Free; all welcome.

Sunday, Jan. 7

Triathlon Clinic, 1 p.m. at Guest-House International, 159 Pelham St., Methuen. Features information and motivational speakers on the sport. Free; all welcome. Call Katherine Gines at 978-853-4352.

Tom Chapin and Friends benefit concert, 2 p.m. at University of Massachusetts at Lowell, Durgin Concert Hall, 35 Wilder St. Part of "Happy Birthday Discovery Series." Tickets $17. 978-934-4444 or www.uml.edu/centerforarts.

Classical South Indian music, 3 p.m. in Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy in Andover featuring violinist Tara Anand accompanied by students and Dr. Pravin Sitaram. Free; all welcome. 978-749-4263 or e-mail music@andover.edu.

Thursday, Jan. 11

Author visit and book signing, 7 p.m. with Chris Carberry, author of "Celestial Pursuit in the Hub of the Universe" at Borders at The Loop, Pleasant Valley Street, Methuen. Free; all welcome.

Author visit, 7 p.m. at Massachusetts School of Law, Courtroom No. 2, Andover. Features John Mosier, author of "Cross of Iron: The Rise and Fall of the German War Machine, 1918–1945." Free; all welcome.

Friday, Jan. 12

"What's It Worth?" Antiques Appraisal Event, 7 to 9 p.m. with Skinner appraiser and "Antiques Roadshow" regular Stuart Whitehurst, sponsored by the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Admission $25, includes one free appraisal. Admission $20 without appraisal. Coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments will not be appraised at this event. To register, call 978-475-2236 or visit www.andhist.org.

Stuart Whitehurst

Saturday, Jan. 13

Daryl Silva performance, 8 p.m. at Borders at The Loop, Pleasant Valley Street, Methuen. Free; all welcome.

Crossroads Coffeehouse, 8 p.m. featuring Carl Cacho in concert. Casey Abrams will open. Tickets $15; doors open 7:15 p.m. Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover. Visit www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org. 978-687-3960.

Carl Cacho

Casey Abrams

Saturday, Jan. 20

Joshua Spero performance, 8 p.m. at Borders at The Loop, Pleasant Valley Street, Methuen. Free; all welcome.

Monday, Jan. 22

Free Parent/Baby Music Workshop, 11:45 a.m. presented by Music Together at Faith Lutheran Church. Class for infants 9 months and younger. Space is limited. To register, call Rosemary Halloran at 978-688-3326 or e-mail musictogetheratt@comcast.net.

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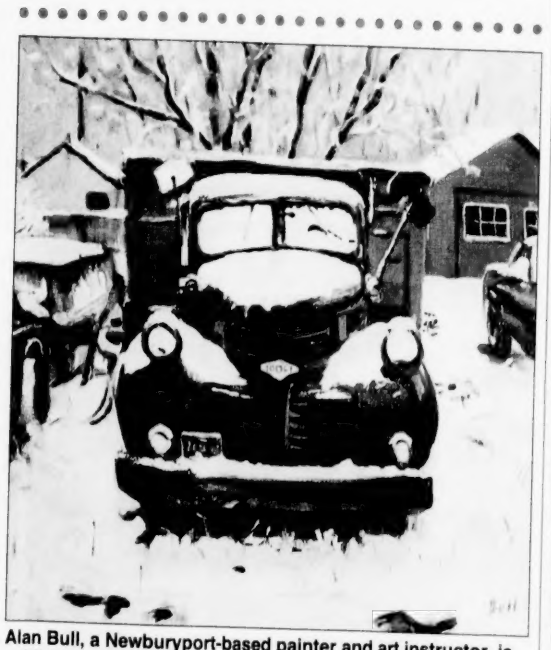

Alan Bull, a Newburyport-based painter and art instructor, is exhibiting his artwork at the Firehouse Center for the Arts through Jan. 22. Above: *Snow Truck* by Alan Bull. The Firehouse Center for the Arts is in Market Square, at State and Merrimac streets, Newburyport. For more information, call 978-499-9931, or check out www.alanbull.com.

BEHIND THE SCENES – Lindsey Lavin, dressed as a Porcelain Doll, looks through a closet full of tutus. She also played Clara and one of the Snowflakes in Dance Prism's production of *The Nutcracker* at the Collins Center last weekend.

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

'The Nutcracker' – by the numbers

By April Guilmet

ASK ANY OF THE 150 or so performers from Dance Prism when their holiday season begins, most would probably tell you sometime around last Sunday.

That's exactly when the curtain closed on this season's final performance of *The Nutcracker*. Held at Collins Center, three performances dazzled audiences on Dec. 16 and 17. Previous performances were also held in Fall River, Littleton, Sudbury and Worcester.

Each fall, when most folks are likely still contemplating autumn leaves and crisp apples, the cast and crew of this production of *The Nutcracker* have nothing but visions of sugerplums dancing through their heads – literally. And by season's end, they'll have performed for about 8,000 people.

"We start rehearsals at the end of September, and rehearse all day each Saturday and Sunday," said Nancy Koehler, publicity coordinator for the Boston-based dance troupe.

Rehearsals, which typically go from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., will continue through Thanksgiving weekend. With 130 professional dancers, eight full-time crew members and 20 regional cast members, among others, there's little time left for any hope of early holiday shopping.

"There's a lot of people deciding to commit their weekends to us," Koehler said.

And commit they do – year after year. Koehler said that one dancer, Jonathan Towle, who plays Dr. Drosselmeyer, has been cavorting the stage for the past two decades. "And our Cavalier, who dances with the Sugerplum Fairy, was our original Fritz from 20 years ago," Koehler said.

She added that most of the crew members have been with the company for a similar amount of time. While the minimum age for children to participate is 7, many of the show's original dancers are well into their 50s.

Though Koehler admitted most of the set has been around for "quite some time," updates and repairs are more frequent. As for the costumes – though they've stayed true to the original concepts – Koehler said several changes were in store this year. "We made new Marzipan skirts this year, and new reindeer antlers," she said.

Like every other year, large metal drums were used to store the countless bags of artificial snow – and the company travels with approximately 2,500 assorted costume pieces, Koehler said. "Each costume has around seven to 10 different pieces," she said.

That's 2,500 leotards, boots, belts, hats and skirts – of assorted sizes.

"We may have different-sized kids from year to year. And a lot of them play two or three different roles. So costuming is huge," Koehler said.

"Each dancer who's in a relatively significant role will probably go through a pair of shoes every weekend," said Mary Demaso, one of the company's founding members. Though not every shoe is appropriate for every role, she noted. "Snowflakes use soft shoes that they can jump in. It's a very ethereal dance," Demaso said. "But Marzipans need pointier shoes, which are stronger and have more arch support. They're on their toes more."

As for the grand finale – the giant Christmas tree – well, Andover is the perfect place for it, Koehler said. "Andover has a wonderful rigging system where we don't have to use a tree lifter. We just pull a rope on the side of the stage," Koehler said.

In keeping with the company's community focus, local Girl Scouts are a common sight backstage. So far, Koehler said, there's been about 850 of them participating in the program. "We give them a discounted admission and a private pre-show program. And they find out a little bit more about what's involved," Koehler said.

This season marks the 24th anniversary of the dance company's *Nutcracker* performances. And this year's regional cast members included Lydia Mesler, 13, who played an angel, and Sophie Coppieters, 7, who portrayed a miniature doll.

"Lydia has danced regionally for the past few years," Demaso said. "And Sophie came to regional auditions, but she really suited her part perfectly. I hear she's already told her mom she wants to dance until she can become Clara," Demaso said.

Perhaps the show's most unlikely star, she added, was on four legs. Zoe Clinger, a 1½ year-old whippet, is actually the company's second resident canine.

"Molly was in production for 10 years. But we lost her two years ago," Demaso said. Though the dance company doesn't actively advertise its furrier roles, both pooches were very quick learners, she said. "Molly knew her music cues. Even if a child was petting her, she'd just walk away and out onto the stage. And Zoe is definitely getting there," Demaso said.

The Snow Forest, with the Snow King and Queen played by Connor Casavan and Clarissa Eaton. Below: Jennifer McIntosh gets ready to play a Toy Soldier.

Nutcracker numbers

8,000	people in the audience in a season
2,500	assorted costumes
300	toy *Nutcrackers* sold this season
150	Dance Prism performers here
130	professional dancers in cast
24	years of *Nutcracker* performances
20	regional cast members
13	hours of rehearsal in a day
8	full-time crew members
7	minimum age for dancers
3	performances at the Collins Center
1½	age of the dog in the show

Lea Needham-Wood as Clara dances during the Christmas Party with her Nutcracker.

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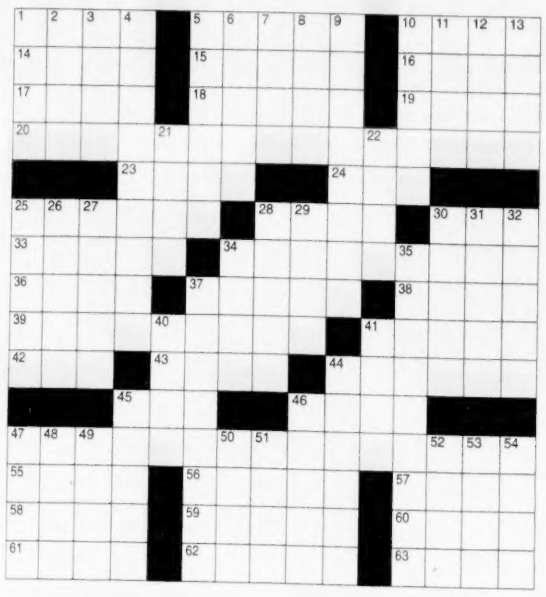

CLUES ACROSS

1. Lowest chess piece
5. Serious theatrical play
10. 19th C. German writer Heinrich
14. Lake __, one of the Great
15. Nephritic
16. Pitcher
17. No. European marine food fish
18. Leg joint
19. __ communications magazine
20. Suddenly become angry
23. Carryall
24. Undivided
25. Unclearly
28. Small coins (French)
30. One point south of due west
33. Vertical position
34. Copy
36. Organization
37. Cleanse the entire body
38. Distinctive and stylish elegance
39. Brings into existence
41. Cod and Haddock fish family
42. Holds
43. Polite interruption sound
44. Woodland creature of Greek mythology
45. A health resort near a spring or at the seaside
46. 3 star Kusadasi hotel
47. Barbara Eden vehicle
55. Qatar capital
56. Refers to end of small intestine
57. NBC show "My Name Is ____"
58. 12th Jewish month
59. Any habitation at a high altitude
60. Plural of 45 across
61. ___ion man: studio musician
62. Grandmothers
63. Mentally healthy

CLUES DOWN

1. Dishonestly acquired wealth
2. Fleshy seed cover
3. Having the taste of merlot or cabernet
4. Settle by discussion
5. Not airtight
6. Annual income from capital investment
7. Egyptian cross
8. Chief atoll of the Maldives
9. Saloon
10. _____-Borel Theorem
11. Inspired by a feeling of wonderment
12. Perceive by the senses
13. Plant with a trunk and a crown
21. Kin
22. Body that defines computing protocols
25. Bottomland (Scot.)
26. Transient cessation of respiration
27. Com proteins
28. Centum- __ isogloss language
29. Adolph Simon __, New York Times
30. _____ & Sons Ltd: online law bookshop
31. Prime Minister (British)
32. Posts
34. Predetermines the course of events
35. A meaningful quality
37. A citizen of the Bahamas
40. ____ Nui or Easter Island
41. Lavish social event
44. Upright stone monuments
45. Varnishes
46. New World Spoonbill genus
47. March 15th
48. 1996 Presidential candidate
49. Mango or cashew genus
50. Olive tree genus
51. Shade loving plant
52. Celery cabbage
53. Country of Ahmadinejad
54. Other, different

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Saturday, Jan. 27

Susan Drougas performance, 8 p.m. at Borders at The Loop, Pleasant Valley Street, Methuen. Free; all welcome.

Ongoing, Etc.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., to discuss book of the week. Memorial Hall Library, Andover. Call Jean McGreehan at 603-667-9610.

Embroiderers Guild of America, meets third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. through May. Dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form. Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East St., Tewksbury. Call Rosemary Carter at 978-893-0959.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wingate at Andover, 80 Andover St., Andover. Visit www.foodaddicts.org or call 781-321-9118.

Lawrence Heritage State Park indoor and outdoor guided tours exploring the history of Lawrence. Free; all welcome. Reservations required. 1 Jackson St., Lawrence. 978-794-1655.

Lowell Opera Company holds rehearsals every Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St., Lowell. New members welcome; auditions not required. 978-441-6926 or www.operalowell.org.

Men's woodcarving group, meets Mondays at 9 a.m. at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., Andover. 978-623-8321.

Merrimack Toastmasters Club, meets second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Call Bill Cashman at 978-475-0721.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, meets every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Call 978-686-0900.

Merrimack Valley Chorus, a women's a cappella group, rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Wilmington Arts Council Building, 219 Middlesex Ave. (Route 62), Wilmington. Call Kate at 978-692-1843.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), providing support, education, and advocacy, meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., Andover. Co-facilitators are Bob Zimmerman and Rev. Ralph Galen. Call 978-475-4454, or send an e-mail to PFLAGinAndoverMA@aol.com.

Merrimack Valley Townsmen Barbershop Chorus, rehearses Mondays at 7 p.m. at All Saints Church, Bellevue Avenue, Haverhill. No experience necessary. 978-688-5306.

Methuen Community Band, rehearses every other Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. All instruments and skill levels welcome. Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen. Call Lori at 978-794-1973.

New England Classical Singers, a regional group of singers devoted to the presentation of demanding and interesting choral music, holds tryouts and rehearsals Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. at South School in Andover. 978-475-1468 or www.newenglandclassical.org.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers holds a coffee the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Panera Bread, Route 114, North Andover. All new residents of Andover and North

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▶ ART

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CALADAN GALLERY. "The Spectrum of Joy," a juried show of 20 artists; "Kmilo Valdes Fortes: Howling at the Universe," fantasy-inspired art; "Debra Jean: A Journey of Light and Shadow," digital collages and photographs." Exhibits run **through Jan. 9.** Visit www.caladangallery.com.

CHURCHILL GALLERY. Holiday Art Show featuring Dennis Sheehan, Paul George, Michael McGovern, and Paul Niemiec. Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 to 5 p.m.; or by appointment. 6 Inn St., Newburyport. 978-462-9891 or www.thechurchillgallery.com.

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LORICA ARTWORKS. "Short Days, Long Shadows," a group show featuring original artwork by Irish and American artists, **through December.** 90 Main St., Andover. 978-470-1829.

MARBLEHEAD ARTS. Art Association presents "Artful Giving," a collection of paintings, prints, photographs, crafts, and more, **through Saturday,** Dec 23. 8 Hooper St., Marblehead. 781-631-2608 or www.marbleheadarts.org.

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MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY. "The Merrimac Residents First Art Exhibition" **through Jan. 15.** 86 W. Main St., Merrimac.

MINGO GALLERY. "Heaven and Earth," work by mixed media artist Chris Flynn **through Jan. 6.** 284 Cabot St., Beverly. 978-927-5964.

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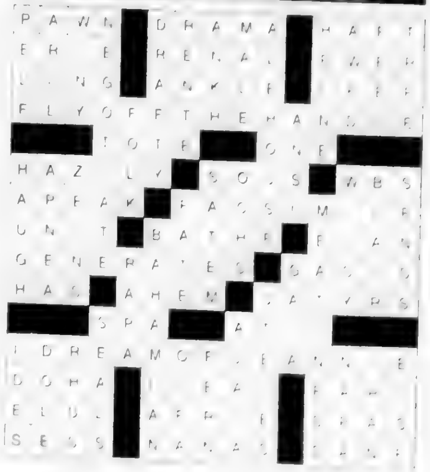

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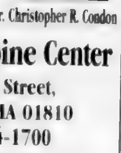
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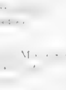
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Education

School groups make their case for 2007

School Improvement Plans for next year look to restore earlier cuts, add innovative programs

By April Guilmet

PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS from Andover's elementary and middle schools presented their School Improvement Plans to the School Committee on Tuesday, Dec. 12 – each hoping that the upcoming school year may bring smaller classrooms, additional staff and bigger budgets, among other things.

For the district's six elementary schools, the general consensus is certain: The classes are getting too large.

"Class size can impact student performance," said Christine Rogers of High Plain Elementary School. She added that South Elementary School currently has four first-grade teachers and will need another one next year, when 102 first-graders are expected.

Physical education was also of concern in the elementary schools. Although the classes have been cut back a great deal in the past several years due to budget cuts, the goal is to restore physical education classes to 45 minutes, twice a week. This was already done last year for some of the fifth-grade classes in the district.

Since 2003, the school budgets have been reduced by $391,945. School officials said they hoped this could somehow be reinstated.

Last but not least, representatives of the district's six elementary schools said they all had staffing needs of some sort. In years past, there's been a reduction in assistant principals, media specialists, physical education teachers, custodians, music teachers and more.

School Committee member Richard Collins said he supported the requests, but the solution is not so simple.

"We only get so much money from the town. And if we do this, the money may have to be cut from other programs," Collins said. He acknowledged that the School Committee has had "a very serious problem meeting the needs of our schools."

"But I'm willing to fight," he emphasized.

Fellow committee member Deb Silberstein agreed, saying she expected this year to be harder than last year. "And we've focused a lot on providing state aid," she added. She said a survey will be sent to all elementary parents in the near future, looking at the classroom size policy.

"Its a complicated challenge – especially since students only go through the school systems once," said Art Barber.

Superintendent Claudia Bach said she estimated the costs of restoring all the positions that had been cut to be around $1 million.

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SUPERINTENDENT CLAUDIA BACH, WHO ESTIMATES THE COSTS OF RESTORING ALL THE POSITIONS THAT HAD BEEN CUT TO BE ABOUT $1 MILLION

Representatives for the Middle School Improvement Plans had similar requests – but with a twist. Four students from Wood Hill Middle School praised the Expeditionary Learning Program, which Principal Patrick Bucco said he hopes can continue, to committee members. One student praised the school's recent program on Ancient Greece, for example, where the interactive activities engaged the students much more than simply listening to a teacher lecture. Mathematics, literature and science were all incorporated into the program. "This kind of input is so valuable, Barber said. "Its great to hear from the students, what's working for them."

Denise Holmes, West Middle School principal, praised the past year's additions of engineering teacher Dan Miley and the reinstatement of the school's librarian, but spoke of the need for a revised team structure.

"Right now, there's a three- or four-person team (of teachers) for each grade level," Holmes said. She added that, while there is always a teacher available for math, science and language arts, sometimes there is only one social studies teacher, who must be shared. "Social studies often feels like an orphaned area," Holmes said. She added that social studies department meetings are often sparsely attended – and due to the teacher shortage, often teachers in other subjects have to pick up some social studies classes.

Her solution is the "School Within a School" model, where the students and teachers move through three grades on the same team. She added that a certified social studies teacher is most crucial in eighth grade, when US history lessons begin.

As with the elementary schools, other middle-school requests included additional staffing, and restoring some of the eliminated positions. "The needs are great across the middle-school level," Holmes said. Among the staffing needs she noted is the need for more speech and language pathologist hours. More than one principal also spoke of the desire to bring back some music teachers.

Also brought to the table were issues such as improving the school climate by building diversity awareness and discouraging bullying; more recognition for students who excel in ways other than the honor roll; and the need to adhere to emergency procedures across the district.

Bruce Maki, principal of Doherty Middle School, said he hoped to improve traffic safety surrounding the school. Last year, he spoke with selectmen and succeeded in making the road behind the school a one-way street. He hopes to build a cut-in on Bartlet Street to free up traffic. "Now, when people stop their cars, they're in the middle of the road," Maki said. He also hopes to bring innovative programs, such as engineering, to Doherty.

All five School Committee members approved the plans for consideration. "We live in different times today and sometimes we have to change very quickly," Bach said. " So I think there will definitely be some readjusting in our thinking as these schools come forward."

ON CAMPUS

Fairfield University, in Fairfield, Conn., announced the names of the students from Andover who qualified for the dean's list for the spring 2006 semester.

To be selected, a student must attain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 of a possible 4.0.

Christina A. Caselle, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caselle, was named to the dean's list. Caselle is majoring in English and minoring in Italian studies at Fairfield. In addition to her studies, she is a staff writer for the Fairfield University newspaper, *The Mirror*, and leader of the Sunshine Kids, a volunteer group for disadvantaged children. Caselle is a senior at Fairfield University and, upon graduation, hopes to be an editor for a publishing company.

Laura K. Radlinski, the daughter of Susan and James Radlinski of Mohawk Road, has been selected to row for the Hamilton College women's crew team for the 2006-07 season in Clinton, N.Y.

The roster that features 35 athletes. That group helped win the petite final at the 2006 New York State Collegiate Rowing Championships.

Radlinski, a first-year student at Hamilton College, is a graduate of Andover High School.

Julie Hobin Wadland, Zachary John O'Donnell, and Pumelele Langa Maqubela, all of Andover, have

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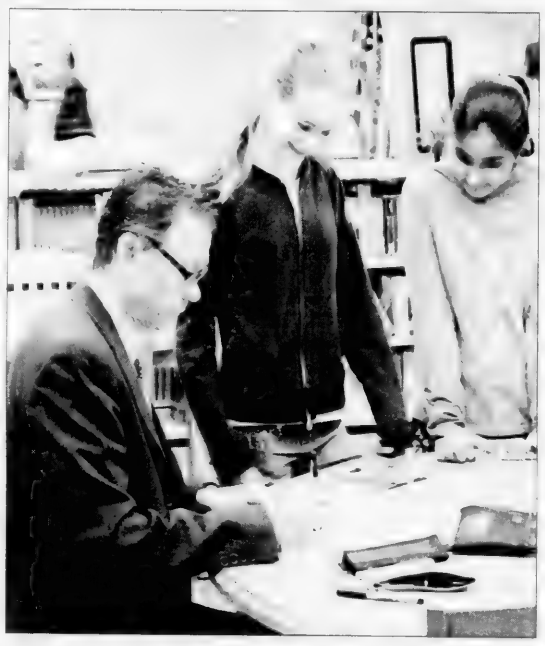

Above: Author Jack Gantos with Pike librarians Fran Mellin, left, and Linda Griset.

At right: Jack Gantos signs copies of his John Henry novels for Pike Middle Schoolers.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Pike School hosts author Jack Gantos

By Cliff Hauptman

STUDENTS AT THE PIKE SCHOOL were treated to an all-day visit earlier this month by author Jack Gantos. Known to students of all ages, Gantos has written more than 40 books.

His much-loved Rotten Ralph, the frenetic red cat renowned for his naughtiness, delights prereaders and new readers in Lower School.

Popular with Middle Schoolers are his novels about Joey Pigza and John Henry; the former narrated in the first person by Pigza, a hyperactive boy with an attention disorder, and the latter an incarnation of the young Gantos, whose early journals provide most of the hilarious misadventures.

Upper Schoolers and young adults meet Gantos through his newest novels *The Love Curse of the Rumbaughs*, *Desire Lines*, and *Hole in My Life*, in which he addresses topics such as homophobia and incarceration.

Gantos has taught courses in children's book writing and children's literature, developing the master's degree program in children's book writing at Emerson College and the Vermont College MFA program for children's book writers.

Skillfully addressing each of Pike's three divisions separately and using as teaching aids his broad knowledge of the literature appropriate to each group, a talent for storytelling that would have made Mark Twain envious, and a sense of wit and timing rivaling any of the best stand-up comics, Gantos revealed the tools by which the students, from prekindergarteners to ninth-graders, could become published writers.

An avid keeper of journals since his early school days, Gantos now has more than 200 diaries crammed with the minutia of his life – a life lived in Pennsylvania, Barbados, Florida, and New England – from which he draws his ideas for books. He impressed upon the Pike students the value of keeping journals and showed each group an age-appropriate way of getting their journals started and staying on track with daily entries.

He explained, with captivating examples from his own life, how the incidents they recorded could be structured to create stories with a beginning, middle, and end, comprising a problem, action, and a resolution, memorable characters, and other elements necessary to good writing.

Gantos also met with Pike faculty for lunch and took the time to sign books and greet students individually.

Gantos's visit to the Pike School was made possible by the Pike School Parents Association and Pike librarians Fran Mellin and Linda Griset, who also recently brought children's book illustrator Leslie Evans to Pike for a Grade 2 presentation on block printing and book publishing.

In addition, award-winning children's storyteller Willy Claflin spent a week visiting Pike classrooms, entertaining students, discussing his work, and answering their questions in small-group settings. These types of visitors – from artists, writers, and performers to politicians, sports figures, and educators from as far away as China and Africa – are an important and recurrent aspect of a Pike School education.

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ON CAMPUS

■ DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

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enrolled as members of the class of 2010 at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

Wadland is the daughter of Joseph and Donna Wadland.

O'Donnell is the son of John and Michele O'Donnell.

Maqubela is the son of Temba and Vuyelua Maqubela.

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St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. welcomed **Alexander G. Vendola** of Andover as a member of the class of 2010.

Alexander G. Vendola

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Vendola graduated from Brooks School in North Andover.

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Roy Lu, of Andover, was one of 13 students who participated in the Susquehanna University 24-Hour Tech Connect Marathon.

Lu is a sophomore music major at Susquehanna in Selinsgrove, Pa.

Participants staffed residence hall stations during move-in day for the first-year students, where students, parents and family members could ask questions or seek assistance to connect student computers to the university network. The marathoners arrived early to campus to participate in two days of computer and network training, including hands-on practice in preparation for the marathon.

Each participant is also involved in Computer Consultants, an ongoing student volunteer project that strives to make technology more accessible to the average user throughout the academic year.

Lu is a 2005 graduate of Andover High School. He is the son of James and Karen Lu.

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New England Institute of Technology in Warwick, R.I., announced the names of individuals who have been accepted to the college and who started classes this fall.

Timothy W. Mulligan of Andover is majoring in marine technology.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

The Andover public schools are closed next week, Dec. 25-29, for winter holiday vacation. Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools the following week, Jan. 2-6:

Elementary schools

Monday: *No School – New Year's Holiday.*

Tuesday: Nachos topped with taco meat, cheese sauce and salsa, bagel and yogurt, hot dog on roll with pickles, baked beans, corn, fruit cup and juice.

Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, ravioli with meat sauce, bagel and yogurt, green beans, fruit and juice.

Thursday: Chicken tenders, bagel and yogurt, garden salad topped with chicken salad, rice pilaf, applesauce, veggies and juice.

Friday: Pizza, bagel and string cheese, veggie sticks, vegetable soup and juice.

Middle schools

Monday: *No School – New Year's Holiday.*

Tuesday: French toast with syrup, bagel and yogurt, grilled cheese on Texas toast with pretzels, sliced ham steak and juice.

Wednesday: Chicken, ziti and broccoli, bread stick, bagel and yogurt, ham and cheese wrap, garden salad, fruit and juice.

Thursday: Pizza, bagel and yogurt, chicken Caesar wrap, ranch potato wedges, veggie sticks, fruit and juice.

Friday: Meatball or veggie calzone, bagel and yogurt, chicken tenders, tomato basil salad, rice pilaf, fruit and juice

Andover High School

Monday: *No School – New Year's Holiday*

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

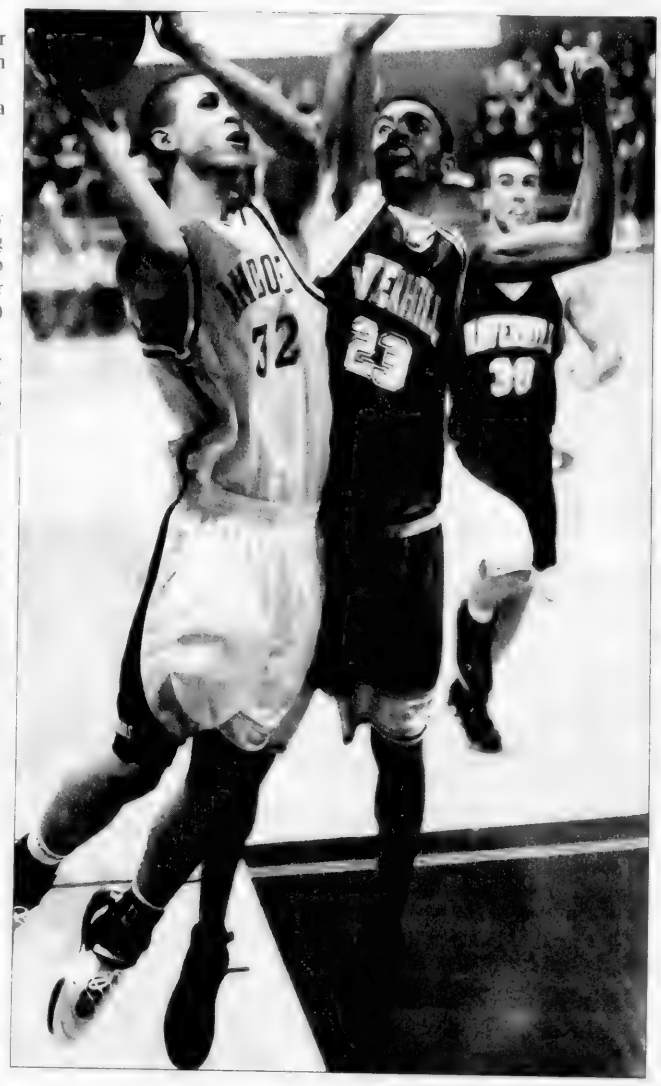
Fast break: As sure as winter follows fall

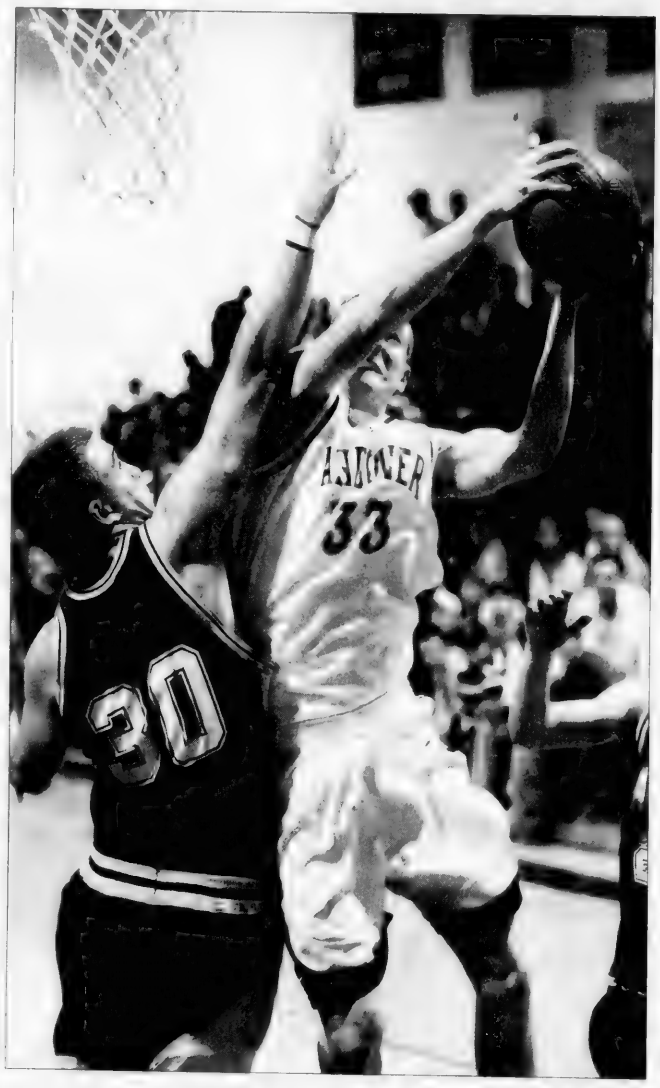
Winter teams, following in the footsteps of fall varsity, still unbeaten after 13 contests

By Rick Harrison

Just as they did in the fall, Andover High varsity sports teams are off to an extremely fast start this winter.

At presstime the AHS group was a flashy 12-0-1 in its first 13 events.





Tristan Shannon (No. 32, at left) and Peter White (No. 33, at right) drive to the hoop past visiting Haverhill defenders. Andover battled back to overcome Haverhill, 59-55.

PHOTOS BY JIM MAHAN

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Andover High girls varsity basketball team used balanced scoring and strong team defense to chalk up three more recent victories over Lawrence (72-37), Haverhill (66-40) and Tewksbury.

Those wins boosted the Lady Warriors to 4-0, stretching the regular-season win streak to 25 games as the locals prepare for the upcoming Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament at Methuen High.

Schedule

Andover faces Lawrence in the opening quarterfinal round of the eight-team Christmas tourney on Saturday.

The semifinals are next Thursday and the championship game, along with three consolations, are a week from Saturday.

Andover won the tournament title 11 of the last 13 years under the old four-team format.

Andover 66
Haverhill 40

AHS was challenged in the opening half of this game at Haverhill, inching ahead 24-23 at the break before reverting to form and outpointing the host Hillies, 42-17, over the final 16 minutes.

"We didn't shoot well in the first half," said head coach Jim Tildsley. "We had good looks at the basket and took good shots, but there must have been 10 'in-and-outs.' "

It was 29-27 early in the second half when AHS went on a 15-0 run. "We took the ball to the hoop more and that aggressiveness paid off," said Tildsley. "Haverhill is a scrappy team and they usually play tough at home."

Capt. Maggie Cosgrove led three players into double figures with 15 points, while Laura Renfro contributed 13 points, and Lauren Hughes 10.

"Renfro sparked the rally that broke the game open – hitting a couple of three-pointers to keep the momentum going," said Tildsley.

Cosgrove also had nine assists and three steals, Renfro five assists, four steals and Hughes nine rebounds, two steals.

Meghan Thomann tossed in eight points and Camille Fantini produced eight points, seven boards, two steals.

Completing the attack were Ilana Cohen with seven points, Sarah LoMedico a bucket, Jordy Shoemaker two free throws and Amanda Fantini one foul shot.

"Maggie played a great all-around game and Renfro, Cohen and Amanda (Fantini) stepped it up a notch," said Tildsley.

Andover 72
Lawrence 37

The Lady Warriors put this home game away with a 36-9 first-half blitz at the Dunn Gym.

Laura Renfro led 11 AHS players into the scoring column with 14 points in limited time, while Maggie Cosgrove managed 10 points, seven assists and two steals before taking an early seat.

Meghan Thomann, Camille Fantini and junior forward Jordy Shoemaker tossed in eight points each, with Shoemaker also pulling down a career-high six rebounds and going a perfect 4-for-4 from the floor.

Ilana Cohen finished with seven points, Sarah LoMedico five and junior guard Kelly Driscoll four.

Junior forward Kit Heinrich and Lauren Hughes netted three points each, Amanda Fantini had two points, five boards and Kasey O'Dea added five rebounds, one assist.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Andover High boys varsity basketball team, which could win a lot of games this winter on persistence and determination, overcame a sizable first-half deficit to complete an uphill climb with a 59-55 Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 win over visiting Haverhill at the Dunn Gym.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors, who hosted Dracut earlier this week after *Townsman* presstime, open play in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament this Saturday with a quarterfinal round game against host North Andover.

The tourney continues next Wednesday and concludes on Friday.

Andover 59
Haverhill 55

The locals couldn't get untracked in the first half, falling behind 25-16 in the opening 16 minutes.

Halftime adjustments and better shooting led to a 43-point explosion after the break, and AHS finally took a one-point lead, 55-54, on a three-pointer by senior guard and Capt. Ian Dempsey.

Dempsey and junior forward Tristan Shannon were the top Golden Warriors' scorers for the second straight outing – Dempsey with a game-high 21 points that included four three-pointers and Shannon with 11.

Junior swingman Greg Cook contributed seven points for the locals, who kept chipping away relentlessly at the Hillies' lead.

Junior forward Chris Abreu netted six points, junior forward Zach Burdeau five, Capt. Gordon DuBois and junior guard Derrick Beasley four each and senior guard Jason Perry one free throw.

Abreu was also strong off the boards for the winners.

Player of the Fortnight

Again this season, Baystate Financial Services of Andover will sponsor regular awards to outstanding players on the Andover High girls and boys varsity basketball teams throughout the 2006-07 season.

According to Ronald R. Hill, the firm's local representative, "As Baystate Financial Services has for several years during the very successful boys and girls varsity seasons, we would like to acknowledge overall excellent performance by players on these two fine teams. Coaches Jim Tildsley (girls) and Dave Fazio (boys) will nominate the players, and a trophy will be awarded to them at regular points throughout the season," said Hill. "The awards will be given for particularly notable contributions to the success of the team."

Called the Baystate Financial Services Varsity Basketball Player of the Fortnight, the award will be given to a female player one week, and a male the next, alternating throughout the season.

This season's first recipient of the Player of the Fortnight award is

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BOX SCORE

ANDOVER 66, HAVERHILL 40
at Haverhill High

Andover – Sarah LoMedico 1-0-2, Kasey O'Dea 0-0-0, Maggie Cosgrove 7-0-15, Amanda Fantini 0-1-1, Meghan Thomann 3-1-8, Ilana Cohen 2-1-7, Jordy Shoemaker 0-2-2, Lauren Hughes 4-2-10, Kelly Driscoll 0-0-0, Laura Renfro 3-4-13, Catherine LoMedico 0-0-0, Camille Fantini 3-2-8, Kit Heinrich 0-0-0. **Totals:** 23-13-66.
Haverhill – Leonard 1-0-2, Garvey 1-1-3, Moore 1-0-2, Latorella 2-0-4, Gilley 1-0-2, Lantagne 4-2-10, Stanley 3-2-9, Hubbard 2-4-8. **Totals:** 15-9-40.
Halftime: Andover, 24-23. **3-pointers:** A, Renfro 3, Cohen 2, Cosgrove 1, Thomann 1. H, Stanley 1. **Rebounds:** A, Hughes 9, CFantini 7. **Assists:** A, Cosgrove 9, Renfro 5. **Steals:** Renfro 4, Cosgrove 3, Hughes 2, CFantini 2.

BOX SCORE

ANDOVER 59, HAVERHILL 55
at Dunn Gym, Andover

Haverhill – Ford 4-0-8, Encarnacion 3-2-10, Arroyo 4-2-12, Sacco 1-0-3, Thomas 0-0-0, Norgasse 1-2-4, CRoche 5-8-18, JRoche 0-0-0. **Totals:** 18-14-55
Andover – Greg Cook 2-1-7, Chris Abreu 2-2-6, Ian Dempsey 6-5-21, Zach Burdeau 1-3-5, Triatan Shannon 4-3-11, Sam Hutchins 0-0-0, Jason Perry 0-1-1, Gordon DuBois 2-0-4, Derrick Beasley 2-0-4, Peter White 0-0-0. **Totals:** 19-15-59.
Halftime: Haverhill, 25-16. **3-pointers:** A, Dempsey 4, Cook 2. H. Encarnacion 2, Arroyo 2, Sacco 1

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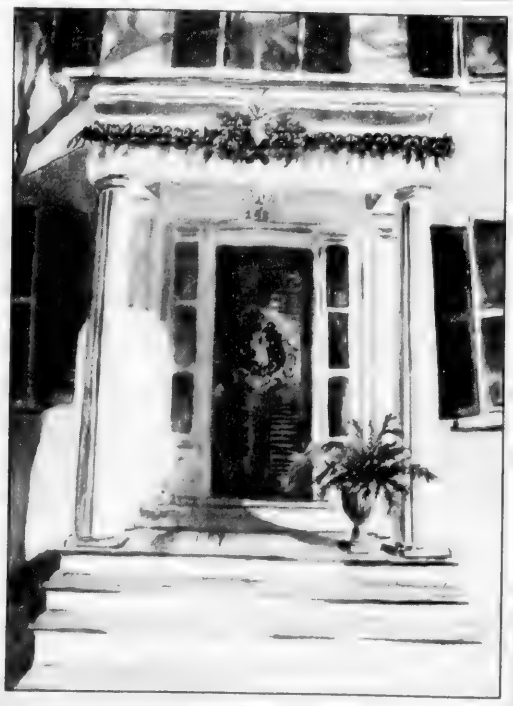

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AHS ROUNDUP

■ BASKETBALL AWARD

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Camille Fantini. Coach Jim Tildsley praises Fantini's excellent work ethic: "Camille has really improved her game in the off-season, and she's earned her role as a starter. She works very hard in practice, and she's played well in games. She's averaging about 9 points a game and rebounding very well. We're hoping for more strong contributions from her; she has a chance to be a very important part of our team's success."

The next Player of the Fortnight award, to both boys and girls team players, will be announced early in the New Year, following the Christmas tournaments.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Freshman forward Sarah Oteri, looking very much like the Andover High girls varsity hockey team's next pure shooter/scoring machine, netted all four goals in a 4-1 non-league victory over perennial power Westford Academy in the home opener at Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink.

Then, to prove it was no fluke, sizzling Sarah followed up with a three-goal, one-assist performance as AHS whitewashed Billerica, 5-0, in its Metro North League opener.

Those results left the Lady Warrior skaters at 2-0-1 overall and 1-0 in league play.

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"Midway through the Westford game we put together a line of (Becky) Cairns, (Nicole) Giroux and (Sarah) Oteri and it's really clicked," said Andover head coach Bill McCarthy.

"Becky and Nicole both have good size. Sarah is slender and wispy – but she has a good nose for the net and a way of sniffing out scoring opportunities."

In three games the trio has already combined for 17 points, Giroux with seven goals and two assists, Cairns two goals, two assists and Giroux one goal, two assists.

"I didn't think we'd score this many goals," continued McCarthy. "It's early but the offense has been a pleasant surprise.

"Our defense is phenomenal. We really shouldn't give up many goals this season with the experience and talent we have in net and at the blue line."

Schedule

After a week off, Andover returns to the ice Saturday night when it hosts Chelmsford (7:30 p.m.) in the third of six straight home games.

The string of consecutive contests at PA continues next Saturday versus Everett (8:30 p.m.).

The New Year kicks off with home games Jan. 3 against Masconomet Regional of Topsfield (7:30) and Jan. 6 versus Waltham (8:30).

Andover 4
Westford Academy 1

Sarah Oteri ruined any thoughts Westford had of avenging a crushing 6-0 State Tournament loss to AHS last season, breaking a taut 1-1 tie by scoring a natural hat trick in an early third-period span of 4 minutes, 35 seconds.

Oteri gave the locals a short-lived 1-0 lead with an unassisted goal at 11:18 of the first period.

Jen Hand tied it just 22 seconds later (11:40) for the Grey Ghosts, and it remained 1-1 through the second stanza.

Oteri then connected at 1:21, 4:55 and 5:56 of the final period, the first goal set up by eighth-grader Laura Drew and the capper assisted by senior defenseman/Capt. Becky Johnson and freshman forward Nicole Giroux.

"She (Oteri) also got stoned on three breakaways in the second period – so she could have scored seven," said coach McCarthy.

"Westford's goalie (Ariss Lyons) is very good. She's a big girl with a butterfly style that doesn't let in many low shots.

"Before the third period we told Sarah not to overpursue with the puck, make power moves (to the net), square her shoulders and shoot over the goalie's left shoulder whenever possible," said McCarthy. "She listened and executed. All three of her goals came on shots high to her (Lyons's) glove side."

Andover sophomore netminder Megan Pettoruto finished with 14 saves, while Lyons made 16 stops as the Lady Warriors held a 20-15 shooting edge.

"It was a tremendous effort by everyone," lauded McCarthy, whose team also put some pressure on its penalty-killing unit by taking 10 minors.

Andover 5
Billerica 0

The Indians, who have given AHS fits in the past, were no match this time around as All-Conference goalie Christina Cahill made 17 saves for the shutout.

Sarah Oteri gave the locals a 1-0 lead at 10:43 of the first period, assists to Nicole Giroux and Becky Cairns.

Oteri converted a Cairns' setup five minutes into the middle period, and then Cairns connected unassisted at 10:14 before Oteri made it 4-0 with just 4.6 seconds left in the period.

Giroux, who finished with two assists, completed the attack with her first goal at 11:24 of the third assisted by Oteri and sophomore blueliner Danielle Paonessa.

"We dominated down low and scored most of our goals from that area," said McCarthy. "We've seen marked improvement every game in the way our players battle for pucks up ice and create chances. Our position play is also getting better.

"Once [illegible] everyone hit the ice and had a chance [illegible]," added the coach.

Andover finished with a 29-17 shooting edge.

While Cahill was nearly perfect between the pipes, Billerica's Nicole Cataldo had to leave the ice after being knocked down and hitting her head late in the second period. Kathleen Keegan finished up and the pair combined for 24 saves.

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BOX SCORES

ANDOVER 4, WESTFORD ACADEMY 1
at Phillips Academy Harrison Rink

Westford	1	0	0	–	1
Andover	1	0	3	–	4

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A, Sarah Oteri 1 (unassisted), 11:18; 2. WA, Jen Hand (Chrissy Connor, Logan Woodcome), 11:40.
SECOND PERIOD: No scoring.
THIRD PERIOD: 3. A, Oteri 2 (Laura Drew), 1:21; 4. A, Oteri 3 (unassisted), 4:55; 5. A, Oteri 4 (Becky Johnson, Nicole Giroux), 5:56.
Shots on goal: Andover 20, Westford Academy 15. **Goalies:** A, Megan Pettoruto (15 shots, 14 saves). WA, Ariss Lyons (20 shots, 16 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 10, Westford Academy 5.

ANDOVER 5, BILLERICA 0
at Phillips Academy Harrison Rink

Billerica	0	0	0	–	0
Andover	1	3	1	–	5

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A, Sarah Oteri 5 (Nicole Giroux, Becky Cairns), 10:43.
SECOND PERIOD: 2. A, Oteri 6 (Cairns), 5:00; 3. A, Cairns 2 (unassisted), 10:14; 4. A, Oteri 7 (Giroux), 14:55.
THIRD PERIOD: 5. A, Giroux 1 (Oteri, Danielle Paonessa), 11:24.
Shots on goal: Andover 29, Billerica 17. **Goalies:** A, Christina Cahill (17 shots, 17 saves), 1st shutout. B, Nicole Cataldo (2 periods) & Kathleen Keegan (29 shots, 24 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 6, Billerica 3. **Record:** Andover 2-0-1.

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AHS Roundup

■ **HOCKEY TEAMS**
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BOYS HOCKEY

Five players scored one goal each and Dan Abreu was sharp in net as the Andover High boys varsity hockey team opened the season with a solid 5-1 Merrimack Valley/Dual County League victory over visiting Boston Latin at the Valley Forum.

Box Score

ANDOVER 5, BOSTON LATIN 1
at Valley Forum, Lawrence

Boston Latin	0	0	1	–	1
Andover	3	2	0	–	5

FIRST PERIOD: 1. A, Tucker Mullin 1 (John Hyslip, Cam Smith), 5:57 (pp); 2. A, Dan Power 1 (P.J. Paonessa, Colin Brennan), 7:52; 3. A, Hyslip 1 (Mullin), 9:28.
SECOND PERIOD: 4. A, Paonessa 1 (Dan Godefroi), 11:21; 5. A, Smith 1 (Hyslip, Mullin), 12:26 (pp).
THIRD PERIOD: 6. BL, Brian Citrone 1 (Justin Evangelista), 5:46.
Shots by period: Andover 13-9-10-32, Boston Latin 5-4-8-17. **Goalies:** A, Dan Abreu (17 shots, 16 saves). BL, Chris Houlihan (2 periods, 22 shots, 17 saves); Jesse O'Neil (1 period, 10 shots, 10 saves). **Penalties:** Andover 11, Boston Latin 7. **Records:** Andover 1-0, Boston Latin 0-1.

Schedule

Following the opener AHS had to sit around for another week before returning to action last night (Wednesday), after *Townsman* presstime, against MV/DCL Division 3 crossover rival Dracut.

The locals again are idle for a week prior to playing three games in three days at the six-team Salem, N.H. Icenter Holiday Tournament.

Andover opens tourney play against Timberlane Regional of Plaistow, N.H. next Wednesday and faces Pinkerton Academy of Derry, N.H. on Thursday.

Andover 5
Boston Latin 1

The winners broke out to a 3-0 first-period lead on goals less than four minutes apart by Capt. Tucker Mullin, power play at 5:57, Dan Power at 7:52 and junior first-line center John Hyslip at 9:28.

Power collected a loose puck in front of the Latin net and lifted it top shelf past Wolfpack goaltender Chris Houlihan.

Hyslip and sophomore forward Cam Smith set up Mullin's goal, P.J. Paonessa and Colin Brennan assisted Power and Mullin helped on the Hyslip tally.

The locals tacked on a pair of rapid-fire goals late in the second stanza, Paonessa connecting at 11:21 from All-Conference defenseman Dan Godefroi and Smith capping the offense at 12:26 with a power play goal from Hyslip and Mullin.

Paonessa took the puck off the wing side and cut to the middle for a quick shot.

Brian Citrone put Latin on the board at 5:46 of the third session.

"Overall this was a very good opening win for us against a quality opponent," said AHS head coach Mario Martiniello. "The kids played hard and executed well on the power play.

"Hyslip and Mullen were flying up ice all night. They were hard to handle in the offensive zone.

"We did take 11 penalties and the penalty killers – led by Brennan and Paonessa – skated off all or parts of 10 man-down situations."

Abreu finished with 16 saves as Andover outshot Latin in each of the three periods, including 13-5 and 9-4 in the first two, and managed an overall 32-17 edge.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

The Andover High boys swim and dive team stretched its three-year carryover streak to 14 consecutive dual meets without a loss (13-0-1), toppling non-league Belmont, 95-80, in the season opener at the Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech pool.

The Golden Warriors placed first in 11 of 12 events, including all three relays, and had eight different individual winners, five state-cut and four sectional-cut performances.

Schedule

The unbeaten string was in definite jeopardy earlier this week, after *Townsman* presstime, when the locals trekked to Dorchester to face non-league Boston College High at the UMass Boston pool.

Next up for coach Mark Taffe's squad is the non-scoring Haverhill Holiday Classic next Thursday (noon), and the Merrimack Valley Conference opener is Wednesday, Jan. 3 versus Central Catholic at Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech (3:30 p.m.).

Andover 95
Belmont 80

Chalking up individual race wins for AHS were junior Christian Bishop in the 200 free (state-cut 1:53.31), junior Zach Hamer the 200 IM (state-cut 2:13.41), sophomore Nate D'Innocenzo the 50 free (state-cut 22.50), junior Peter Saunders 100 butterfly (sectional-cut 58.21), junior Peter Li 100 free (state-cut 53.31), freshman Paul Hunter 100 backstroke (state-cut 58.03) and junior Tim Russell 100 breaststroke (1:11.25).

The 200 medley relay was taken by Hunter, D'Innocenzo, Hamer and junior Luke Delisio (state-cut 1:48.45).

Capturing the 200 free relay was the quartet of Bishop, sophomore Yubo Liu, sophomore Devon Mullen and Saunders (state-cut 1:38.57).

The 400 free relayers were Liu, sophomore Mike Bakies, Li and Hunter (state-cut 3:40.50).

Sophomore Peter Wakeling won the one-meter diving competition with 181.70 points, a sectional qualifier, and freshman Brad Samuels was second (153.75 points).

Bakies finished second in the 500 free with a sectional-qualifying 5:26.19 clocking.

Other runners-up included senior Capt. Dave Espindle with a state-cut 58.72 in the 100 back, the 200 medley relay of Espindle, Russell, Saunders, Capt. Kevin O'Donnell (1:49.07) and the 400 free crew of Delisio, Hamer, junior Tom Demers and D'Innocenzo (3:48.15).

Finishing third were Liu (200 free, 2:08.69), O'Donnell (200 IM, 2:29.02), sophomore Steve Moore (100 free, 57.31) and the 200 free relay of junior Andrew Genetti, O'Donnell, Li and Moore (1:43.88).

Fourth-place touches were achieved by Moore (50 free, 26.03), Mullen (100 fly, 1:13.22), Demers (500 free, 5:59.83) and Samuels (100 breast, 1:27.53).

Nailing down fifths were Genetti (200 IM, 2:39.47), freshman Colin Trepicchio (100 free, 1:07.35) and Mike Geraci (100 breast, 1:33.75).

Rounding out the placers in sixth were freshman Adam Millerick (200 free, 2:10.07), Charlie Nickerson (50 free, 32.69), Delisio (100 fly, 1:31.50), freshman Peter Belanger (500 free, 5:47.34) and junior Adam Kleger (100 back, 1:21.25).

ANDOVER 95, BELMONT 80
at Gr. Lawrence Vo-Tech pool
(Andover Placers)

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Paul Hunter, Zach Hamer, Nick D'Innocenzo & Luke Delisio, 1:48.45 **(state cut)**; 2. Dave Espindle, Tim Russell, Peter Saunders & Kevin O'Donnell, 1:49.07.
200 FREE: 1. Christian Bishop 1:53.31 **(state cut)**; 3. Yubo Liu 2:08.69; 6. Adam Millerick 2:10.07.
200 IM: 1. Hamer 2:13.41 **(state cut)**; 3. O'Donnell 2:29.02; 5. Andrew Genetti 2:39.47.
50 FREE: 1. D'Innocenzo 22.50 **(state cut)**; 4. Steve Moore 26.03; 6. Charlie Nickerson 32.69.
1-METER DIVING: 1. Peter Wakeling 181.70 pts **(sectional cut)**; 2. Brad Samuels 153.75 pts.
100 BUTTERFLY: 1. Saunders 58.21 **(sectional cut)**; 4. Devon Mullen 1:13.22; 6. Luke Delisio 1:31.50.
100 FREE: 1. Peter Li 53.31 **(state cut)**; 3. Moore 57.31; 5. Colin Trepicchio 1:07.35.
500 FREE: 2. Mike Bakies 5:26.19; **(sectional cut)** 4. Tom Demers 5:59.83; 6. Peter Belanger 6:47.34.
200 FREE RELAY: 1. Bishop, Liu, Mullen & Saunders, 1:38:57 **(state cut)**; 3. Genetti, O'Donnell, Li & Moore, 1:43.88.
100 BACKSTROKE: 1. Hunter 58.03 **(state cut)**; 2. Espindle 58.72 **(state cut)**; 6. Adam Kleger 1:21.25.
100 BREASTSTROKE: 1. Tim Russell 1:11.25; 4. Samuels 1:27.53; 5. Mike Geraci 1:33.75.
400 FREE RELAY: 1. Liu, Bakies, Li & Hunter, 3:40.50 **(state cut)**; 2. Delisio, Hamer, Demers & D'Innocenzo, 3:48.15.
Record: Andover 1-0.

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Holiday Helpers

Andover's Jewish volunteers help make Christmas Day merry for many

By April Guilmet

THOUGH MEMBERS OF ANDOVER'S two synagogues won't be waiting up for Santa Claus this Christmas Eve, that's not to say they can't spread a little holiday cheer come Christmas Day.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Project Ezra, an outreach volunteer program sponsored by the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts.

Derived from the Hebrew word *ozer*, which means, "to help," the name "Ezra" stands for the Council's ongoing community efforts geared towards goodwill and understanding – regardless of religious denomination. And, as has been done in years past, volunteers from Temple Emanuel have eagerly signed up to assist local nursing homes, homeless shelters, hospitals and soup kitchens with meals – and more – this Christmas. This year, however, the newer Congregation Beth Israel is joining in to lend a helping hand – or several dozen.

According to Linda Skolnik, program associate from the Synagogue Council, approximately 60 Jewish congregations from all over the state plan on partaking in Project Ezra this year. They'll go wherever they're needed: preparing holiday meals, setting tables, visiting the lonely and generally spreading good cheer.

"Temple Emanuel has been involved in this for many years. But Beth Israel is still relatively new," Skolnik said. Each volunteer group, she added, consists of about 10 people. "This year has been a wonderful year. In fact, Beth Israel has added a second site already," Skolnik said. The Beth Israel groups will visit Wingate Nursing Home in Andover as well as Lazarus House, a soup kitchen and shelter in Lawrence.

While Temple Emanuel members have frequently visited Wingate at Andover over the years, this year they're considering expanding to other locations.

"Many members of the Temple Emanuel community volunteer throughout the year with local charities, both as individuals and through our Social Action Committee. I know there are congregants volunteering for Project Ezra again this year," said Carrie Lavoie, executive director of Temple Emanuel.

However, due to the hectic schedule of many of the volunteers, participants were encouraged to sign up directly at the facility of their choice, she said.

"It's a testament to the day. People are looking for something worthwhile to do. Since we don't celebrate Christmas, this is a perfect chance," Skolnik said.

Ann Schwartz, a chairwoman of Congregation Beth Israel's Social Action Committee, said she looked forward to visiting Wingate Nursing Home on Monday. "It started out small, with just eight of us including our rabbi," Schwartz said. "Now another group is going to Lazarus House." The Reading resident said this won't be her first experience with Project Ezra – she's done so in the past in other communities.

This year, though, she plans to bring her 5-year-old daughter along with her.

"We basically fill in for staff members so they can spend time with their families," Schwartz said. She'll also visit with some of the residents, read to them and sing them songs – proving that peace and goodwill towards men truly knows no denomination.

FIRST LIGHT 5767

Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary performed at Temple Emanuel during the First Light 5767 celebration on Sunday evening. This year's celebration represents the 13th (Bar Mitzvah) anniversary of the event, organizers said. Peter Yarrow makes special appearances with his daughter, Bethany, a singer and songwriter in her own right, in a program called "Father to Daughter and Beyond: A Legacy of Commitment and Activism."

Dan Clark, a retired state trooper, sings holiday songs to the children of the onsite child-care center during the 19th annual Toys for Tots Grand Finale at the IRS center in Andover on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Santa gives a big hug to Caroline Elias at the Housing Authority Intergenerational Holiday Celebration last Thursday. Below: Nicole Maldonado receives a gift from Santa. Every child left with a full tummy and a present from Santa; every senior left with a full tummy and a holiday poinsietta.

3,000 elves make holidays brighter

IRS Toys for Tots drive collects more than 5,600 toys

By April Guilmet

THEY KNOCKED ON DOORS, they sold raffle tickets, they baked cookies, they solicited donations and, in the end, though only one wore the Santa suit, all 3,000 or so employees of the Internal Revenue Service must have truly made Old Saint Nick proud.

This year's company Toys for Tots campaign yielded 5,642 donated toys and a total of $43,500 in donated funds, which was announced during Tuesday's assembly held at the Andover IRS.

"It takes the help of many elves," said Kathy Francisco, communications director.

Those "elves," she added, have truly brightened the holidays for countless needy children throughout the Bay State, despite the predicted shortage in charitable donations this year.

For Francisco, it was the recent trip to Wal-Mart, where she and other volunteers purchased $30,000 worth of toys for kids she'll never meet, that made her Christmas dream become a reality. "What a rush!" she said.

On hand to accept the donations on behalf of the US Marine Corps was Staff Sergeant Robert Jones. "Astounding," was how Jones described this year's turnout, which he said probably totaled an impressive two thirds of this year's total earnings.

Staff Sgt. Robert Jones, USMC, thanks the workers for their support during the 19th annual Toys for Tots Grand Finale at the IRS in Andover.

Receiving awards for their generous hours spent volunteering were members of the NESC Federal Credit Union, the Wakefield Police Department and the Wakefield Department of Public Works.

Members of the Wakefield Police Department and the Wakefield Department of Public Works spent the past two months gathering toys, Francisco said.

Jones also honored the Andover IRS with the Marines' Commander's Award for Astounding Achievement.

Holiday anthems sung by a red-suited, retired state trooper Dan Clark preceded a visit by another familiar, red-suited fellow.

After singing several holiday tunes, preschool and kindergarten children from the facility's onsite child care center dropped toys into a giant box. Though several looked back longingly at the toys, none of these "elves" shed a tear.

Working behind the scenes were members of IRS Andover's Toys for Tots Core Committee, which this year included employees Deb Arkley, Jane Boyer, Jean Conroy, Pat Crowell, Janis Delpozzo, Nancy Minicucci, James Prygocki, Donna Reasor, Kristina Tiedke and Lisa Tuminello.

The IRS Toys for Tots drive began in mid November, Francisco said, and was completed in just one month. "Its a very big employee engagement activity," she said. "It's a different side of the IRS than most people realize."

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'Twas the night before Christmas
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The problem you see was not with St. Nick
but the streets that were crooked
and bumps that were thick.
Orange signs, they were scattered all over the town,
and cars they did wiggle and dart all around.
The selectmen were home all snug in their beds
while visions of surpluses danced in their heads.
The drivers in Andover dared never to travel
lest tempers and tantrums tend to unravel.
New plans were detailed for this street and that
so streets could be calmer and budgets quite fat.
Whose streets might these be?
There's no doubt about it.
They belong to the people who tell us about it.
St. Nick stayed at home 'til the driving was safer,
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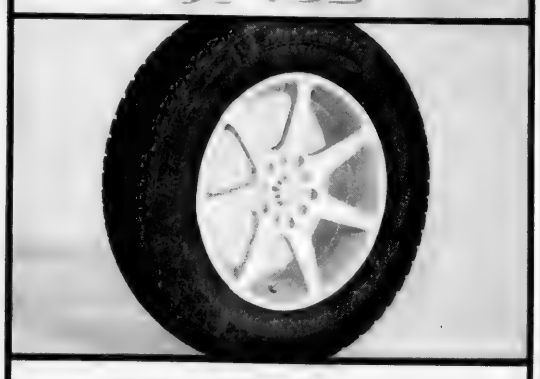

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SATURDAY, DEC. 23: 4 p.m., Mass, 4th Sunday in Advent.

CHRISTMAS EVE: 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., Masses, 4th Sunday in Advent; no 12:30 p.m. Mass.

Christmas Eve Masses, 4 p.m. (Youth Choir), 6 p.m. (Teen Choir), 10:30 p.m. (with musical presentation by choir at 9:45 p.m.).

Mass in lower church, 4:05 p.m.

Mass at Merrimack College: 4:30 p.m. in Collegiate Church.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Mass, 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

St. Joseph's Church
22 High Vale Lane
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978-475-0050

CHRISTMAS EVE: 10 a.m., Mass, 4th Sunday in Advent; Masses, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Pageant).

CHRISTMAS DAY: Mass, 10 a.m.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church
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SATURDAY, DEC. 23: 4 p.m., Vigil Mass, 4th Sunday in Advent.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Masses at 7:30 and 9 a.m. for 4th Sunday in Advent; no 11 a.m. Mass.; 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Vigil Mass, Christmas; 11:15 p.m., Adult Choir concert and carol sing; midnight, Mass of the Nativity of the Lord.

CHRISTMAS DAY Mass: 10 a.m., Mass of the Nativity of the Lord.

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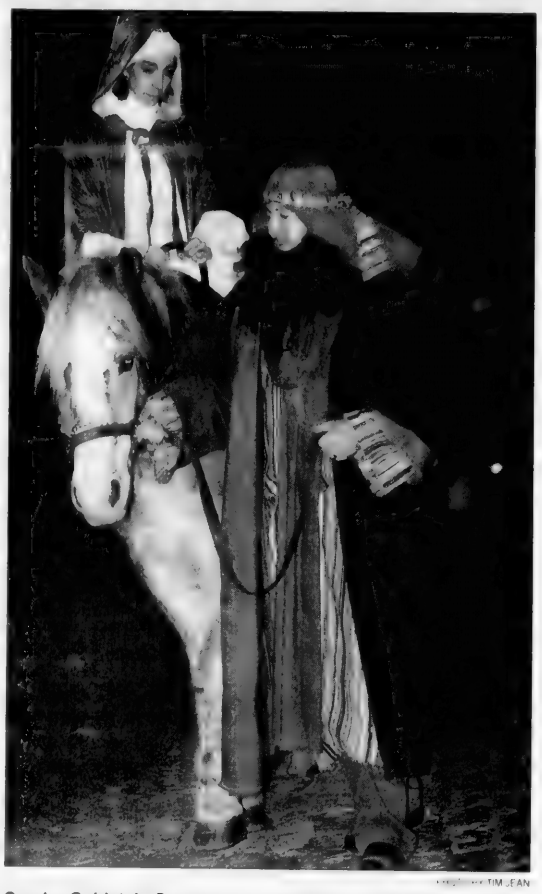
CHRISTMAS EVE: Fourth Sunday of Advent, 8:30 and 10 a.m., Morning Worship services; 4 and 6 p.m., Christmas Eve Services; 11 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



TIM JEAN

Sandra Goldstein Savoie and Joseph Savoie played the parts of Mary and Joseph during West Parish Church's annual Outdoor Christmas Pageant last Sunday. During its 30-year history, many past and present Andover families have been involved with the pageant, organizers said.

Episcopal
Christ Church
25 Central St., Andover
978-475-0529

CHRISTMAS EVE: Advent IV, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist in the North Chapel; 4:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist with pageant; 7:30 p.m., Festival Holy Eucharist; 10 p.m., Festival Holy Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY: 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist

Interdenominational
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CHRISTMAS EVE: 10 a.m., Celebrate the Savior's birth with Christmas carols and a special message from Pastor Chip Thompson; 6 p.m., "Join us for this warm, family-oriented candlelight service. We will hear the Christmas story read from various Gospel passages, sing favorite traditional Christmas carols and enjoy special music."

Lutheran
Faith Lutheran Church
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CHRISTMAS EVE: All worship services will include Holy Communion; services at 9:30 a.m., and 3, 5, 7 and 10 p.m

Unitarian Universalist
Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover
6 Locke St., Andover
978-475-4454

CHRISTMAS EVE: 10:30 a.m. Welcoming the Spirit of Christmas – Carols, stories, poetry, humorous tales for all ages and reflection, with Rev. Galen; 7 p.m., Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Bring a family candle to share on the altar. Refreshments follow the service. Organizers said, "Join us afterward for holiday cheer." Bring some easy-to-eat finger food to share. Place the food in the rear of the sanctuary before the service. Call Debbie Zahka (978-470-3430) if you have questions.

United Church of Christ
South Church
41 Central St., Andover
978-475-0321

CHRISTMAS EVE: 10:30 a.m. Family Service, Christmas Drama with Music; 3 p.m. Candlelight Service, Lessons & Carols; 9:30 p.m., Returning Young Adult Gathering; 10:30 p.m. Christmas Prelude; 11 p.m. Candlelight Service, Lessons & Carols, Sanctuary Choir.

West Parish Church
129 Reservation Road
Andover
978-475-3528

CHRISTMAS EVE: 10 a.m., Christmas Eve Sunday service; 5 p.m., Family Christmas Eve Service, open to all; 11 p.m., Candlelight Service; the Christmas Eve services celebrate Christmas with carols and readings. The public is invited to join with the church in these special services.

United Methodist
Ballardvale United Church
(United Methodist and United Church of Christ)
23 Clark Road, Andover
978-475-2506

CHRISTMAS EVE: 5 p.m., Christmas Eve Service, a service of candlelight and carols, King James scriptures; wheelchair accessible through the Hall Avenue side entrance.

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FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker
Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

January Trip – Homestead Restaurant & The White Dove Gift Shoppes: On Friday, Jan. 26, chase away the winter blahs with a great lunch at the Homestead Restaurant where you can enjoy ordering any entree on the menu. Following lunch, we'll make a stop at the White Dove Gift Shoppes, a Colonial house transformed into a dozen craft shops. Cost of the trip is $35, which includes transportation, lunch and gratuity. Stop into the center and make a reservation to join us.

Fix-It Shop: Our fix-it shop will be open for business from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliances or household items. Cost is $2 plus any parts that might be needed to complete a repair.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. we will show the movie *On a Clear Day*. This is the inspiring story of a man who, with the support of his friends, takes on the challenge of training to swim the English Channel. Reservations are not necessary, just come by and join us.

Book Club: The next book club meeting will take place Thursday, Jan. 11 at 1:30 p.m.: The group will be discussing, *The Piano Tuner*. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the senior center and newcomers are welcome at any time.

Exercise Registration: Registration is still open for the winter semester of exercise classes. Classes will be offered in women's strength-training, cardio-conditioning, tai chi, low impact aerobics, water workout, men's fitness, basic and performing tap dance classes, and modified yoga. Class and fee schedules are available at the center. The winter semester got underway last week and will run through Feb. 23.

Massage Therapy: The senior center has a licensed massage therapist onsite every Monday morning by appointment. Treatments are especially great in the colder months. Cost is just $12 for a 20-minute appointment and is a great component to add to your wellness routine.

Bereavement Support Group: This group is facilitated by Diane Blake from Merrimack Valley Hospice and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. There is no charge for this group, and the next meeting will be held at the senior center at 1:30 on Dec. 21.

Gift Certificates: Senior center gift certificates can make a great gift or stocking stuffer for that hard-to-shop-for person on your holiday list. Certificates are available in all denominations, and are good for any program, class, activity or trip sponsored by the center for the upcoming year.

Healthy Eating Research Project: The "Healthy Eating For Successful Living in Older Adults" program will be offered at the Andover Senior Center in the January-March time frame. This six-week educational training course is based on the newly revised US Dept. of Agriculture's MyPyramid. Individuals interested in participating in this study will meet with a research assistant from the Institute for Aging Research at Hebrew Senior Life to determine if they are eligible for the study. Contact Pat Becker at the senior center for further information.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group: Meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. This group is designed for caregivers only, but is an open meeting and all caregivers are welcome. Call Kristine Arakelian at the senior center for further information.

Continental Breakfast & Holiday Open House: The senior center will host its annual holiday continental breakfast and open house today, Thursday, Dec. 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. Complimentary tickets were available at the center. Join us for some holiday cheer.

Savory Soups: Guaranteed to warm you up, this cooking class will feature four delicious soups including a prize-winning garden vegetable, a lowfat salmon chowder, and a "mac and cheese" soup that is a delicious mixture of Macintosh apples blended with cheddar cheese. The course will meet at 2 p.m. on Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 at a cost of $20, and pre-registration is necessary. Instructor will be Terry Kay Bargar, FOOD FOR THOUGHT columnist for the *Andover Townsman*.

Free Cardio Class: Our cardio conditioning class is held at Shapes By Design in Andover. If you'd like to try this fitness option on a complimentary basis, just stop by the senior center for a free pass, which can be used to attend the demonstrations on Jan. 9 or 11, at 1:30 p.m.

Outdoor Adventures For Women – Snowshoe Clinic: Don't let the winter weather keep you indoors. Join us for a little outdoor exercise with Burt Batcheller from Moor & Mountain. The clinic will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11 from 9 to 10 a.m. We'll meet at the center and then head over to the Park. Pre-registration is necessary so we can provide the appropriate equipment. Cost is $5. Following the workout, we'll enjoy hot chocolate and muffins back at the center.

Men's Breakfast – "Intriguing Iceland." The island nation of Iceland is the land of Vikings with beautiful mountains, waterfalls, thermal areas and fjords. It is also a modern nation with the second highest standard of living in the world and heats its buildings with geothermal energy. Its volcanic history makes it one of the newest land masses in the world. Willard Robinson will show his color slides (Friday, Jan. 19 at 8:30 a.m.; $3) taken last July while on a trip that covered several different parts of the country. Advance reservations necessary.

Parkinson's Support Group: The next meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 11 at 1:30 p.m. This is an open group and all are welcome. Anyone who is interested may contact Kristine at the senior center.

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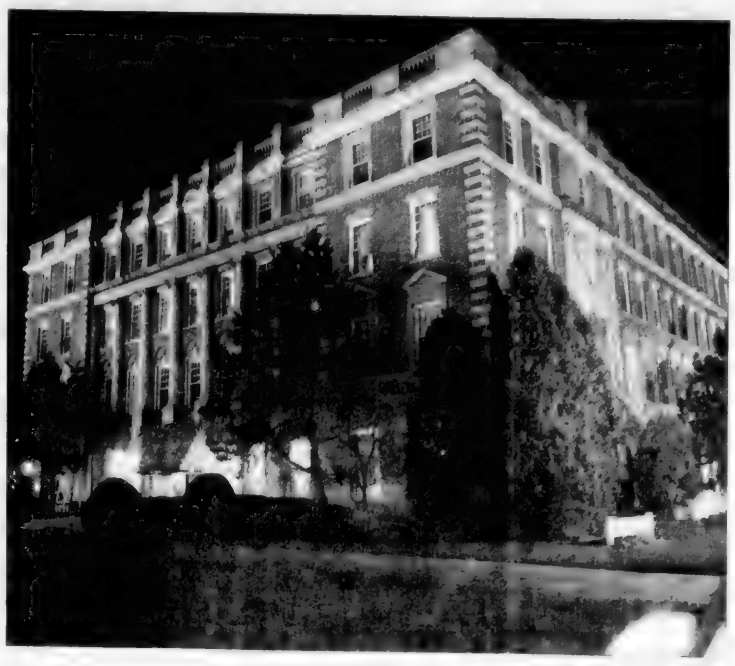
HOLIDAY HELPERS

St. Augustine School students Patrick Monahan, Monica Carusi, Tori Quinlan, Jessica Salley, and Alec Woodworth were Santa's helpers at the annual St. Augustine Christmas Treasures Fair.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 439 of Andover shared holiday cheer with residents at Academy Manor on Dec. 13. The girls planned the outing themselves, eager to continue an activity that they began as first-graders. For the last four years, the troop has made gifts and taken them to Academy Manor, where the girls have sung Christmas and Hanukkah songs. In previous years the girls painted sleds, made bookmarks and created frames for the residents. This year the girls decorated and sewed stockings for residents. Then the stockings were filled with treasures like warm, colorful socks, lip balm, tissues, moisturizer and toothbrushes. After delivering the stockings, the troop was led through the halls of the residence singing Christmas carols and Hanukkah tunes. Along the way the troop caroled in common rooms. One resident, Gina Sanborn (in photo), enjoyed the music so much, she joined right in with the parade, following the girls and singing along as the troop traversed the corridors. Residents and girls alike enjoyed a joyous afternoon. In the front are Meaghan Murtagh and Ashley Atkins; (center row) Caroline Murtagh, Liana Margolese, Kristina Giacchetto and Delanie Sawyer; (back row) Julia Mancini, Alison Murtagh, Jenna Kosinski, Nikki Christopulos and Michelle Gencorelli.



The distinctive architecture of the Balmoral building stands out against the night sky.

Restored – again!

Balmoral holds successful open house

By Elaine Clements,
Executive Director,
Andover Historical Society

RESIDENTS OF THE BALMORAL – American Woolen Co. headquarters in Andover – built in the early 1920s and converted to condos in the 1980s, held a successful open house Saturday afternoon, Dec. 9 with about 200 [illegible] attending.

The open house was a fundraiser to help defray costs of repairs to the building's infrastructure following the devastating spring 2006 floods that drove residents from their homes and destroyed the fire hydrants and utility systems of the building, among other damage.

The event was organized by the Trustees of Balmoral including residents Brad McFadden and Paul Bettano.

Historical Society volunteers Don Robb and Lorna Williams were on hand to provide historical background of Balmoral builder, William Wood, Shawsheen Village, and Andover's technological and industrial history.

For the open house, residents opened 16 [illegible] homes in addition to the grand staircase and the theatre. Many attendees [illegible] the open house out of curiosity about the building [illegible] been part of for [illegible].

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Business

BRIEFS

Christmas came early

Indra Salon recently opened its doors – and hearts – to Stars in the Night, a local non-profit organization. Indra's staff, led by event planner Anthony DeVito, worked closely with Stars in the Night to host "Girls Night Out" on Nov. 18. This year, Stars in the Night will be giving each of the 125 residents of Germaine Lawrence School, Arlington, holiday gift bags filled with gifts from the girls' wish list. Germaine Lawrence is a residential treatment center for teenage girls, aged 11 to 18, who are struggling with various issues, including life-threatening eating disorders, depression, cutting, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, and aggression.

A team of Indra's stylists, makeup consultants, and skin care specialists donated their time for the evening and provided complimentary services to the invited guests. In addition, guests relaxed by enjoying donated chair massages and Reike treatments.

Indra was not alone in its efforts. Other merchants donated merchandise and gift cards that day which were auctioned and raffled off. They included: Beauty and Main, Quiet Pleasures, Helen Thomas, Andrea's Skin Care, Andover Salon, North Shore Music Theatre, Andover Tanning, Daher's, Sweet Mimi's, Rapids, Elizabeth Grady, Andover Animal Hospital, Savoire Fare, J. Christopher's, Sense of Wonder, Andover Electrology, Foxwoods Casino and Mohegan Sun.

Through this fundraising event, more than $2,000 was raised for its Holiday Gift Project for the Girls of Germaine Lawrence School.

Broadbent receives award

Stephen Broadbent of Wright-Pierce Engineers' Andover office was the recipient of the 2006 Lee Agger Award at the annual Maine Wastewater Control Association fall convention.

The Lee Agger Award, presented by the MWWCA's Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee, is based on "meritorious support and service to environmental training in the state of Maine by an individual, facility, or organization." The award was created in 1990 in memory of Lee Agger, the first JETCC Training Coordinator.

Broadbent has 35 years in the water pollution control industry, and this award honors his dedication to environmental education and service throughout Maine and New England. As an active member of New England Water Environment Association, Water Environment Federation and Maine's Pulp & Paper Association, he has taught numerous JETCC classes on a volunteer basis.

Clancy named bank's CEO

Enterprise Bank's board of directors recently elected Chief Operating Officer Jack Clancy to the position of chief executive officer, effective Jan. 1. Current Chairman and CEO George Duncan will continue as chairman of the board and as a full-time employee.

Jack Clancy

The bank recently opened its new branch on High Street, near Elm Square, in Andover.

Clancy has served in leadership roles at the bank since its formation in 1988. He graduated summa cum laude from University of Lowell (now UMass Lowell) and successfully completed Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program. Prior to becoming the chief operating officer, he held the positions of chief financial officer, treasurer and chief investment officer.

Charities can apply for help

Applications for the 2007 TSB Charitable Foundation Inc. awards are now available to nonprofit organizations in areas served by The Savings Bank. Eligible organizations must submit their applications to the Foundation's 11-member board of directors by Jan. 31. Awards will be presented in April.

To be eligible, an organization must be determined as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and have received a permanent or advance IRS Determination Letter which describes the organization as a publicly supported charity.

TSB Charitable Foundation awards will focus on organizations that serve residents of Wakefield, Lynnfield, Andover, North Reading, Methuen, and surrounding areas. Applications can be requested through the TSB Charitable Foundation, 351 Main St., PO Box 30, Wakefield, MA 01880; or at tsbcf@tsbawake24.com.

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Above, Merrimack College student Ryan Sullivan has electrodes placed on his chest, arms and legs by Lisa Pollard, a technician for HeartScreen America. The electrodes are then connected to a machine that studies the heart's electrical activity. Below, Sullivan has his blood pressure checked. HeartScreen America, an Andover firm, conducted heart screenings at the Sports Medicine Lab at Merrimack College last week.

Andover company sells peace of mind

For $45, HeartScreen America scans hearts for problems, as it did at Merrimack

By April Guilmet

Bert Vining will never forget being a student at Andover High School and having a classmate die unexpectedly.

Just 15 years old, the seemingly healthy athlete had a heart condition, of which nobody was aware until it was too late, said Vining. Today, he said he hopes his new company, HeartScreen America, will help prevent similar deaths from occurring.

On Dec. 14 and 15, Vining and his staff launched their mission at Merrimack College. All of the school's winter athletes lined up outside the Sports Medicine Lab for heart health screenings. An Andover native, Vining once played on Andover High's football team, later attending St. Michael's College in Vermont. His for-profit company at 100 Burtt Road has around 20 employees. His own background is in business.

"This is a great way to begin our mission of saving lives," Vining said.

Just one year in development, HeartScreen America is now preparing to conduct similar screenings at high schools, colleges and corporations throughout New England. Screenings are used to detect underlying heart conditions that traditional physical exams cannot, said Vining.

At around $45, the services aren't typically covered by insurance.

"Insurance companies don't like to cover these tests until someone has symptoms. Unfortunately, though, the first symptom is often death," Vining said. He added that, if given by a private health care provider, similar diagnostic tests can run up to $800.

"I think this is very important in light of recent cases of athletes dying on the field. It's becoming more prevalent," said Birgid Hopkins, director of sports medicine for Merrimack College. She estimated the school's total number of athletes to be between 350 and 400 students. Head athletic trainer Dennis Fontaine said he hoped to host other screenings during the spring and fall seasons.

Countries such as Italy have been screening their athletes for the past 25 years, Vining said, and the Olympics committee is also leaning towards making such screening mandatory.

"Many heart ailments are silent killers, and it's proven that screening hearts saves lives," Vining said.

Andover resident Paul Salafia, who works for Advertising Management Services and has taken on HeartScreen America as a client, said such screening procedures had been proven successful. He said a study published earlier this year by the *European Heart Journal*, it was reported that about one in every 350 athletes has some sort of undetected heart condition.

"And these screenings save 90 percent of those lives," Salafia said. "Five-thousand seemingly healthy young people die each year from sudden cardiac arrest, nearly all of which can be easily prevented with a simple, inexpensive and non-invasive heart screening."

Last Thursday, the line of students snaked out the door as HeartScreen executive assistant Krissy O'Neill greeted them, clipboard in hand. O'Neill, also an Andover resident, helped organize the event and has worked for the company since last February.

"It's great to be involved in this, and everything I do here helps contribute to something," she said.

At a nearby table, technician Brania Garcia of Lawrence slipped on a pair of gloves in preparation for the tests, of which she expected to do at least 50 on each day.

"We've had quite a turnout so far," Garcia said. Trained as a medical assistant, she said she was new to the company.

As each student filled out paperwork, Vining himself explained a bit about the procedure to them. Painless electrodes are placed on the chest, arms and legs. The electrodes are then connected to a machine that reads the heart's electrical activity. Results are carefully scrutinized by a cardiologist.

Asked why they came out for testing, most students said they know heart disease is a reality even for some young adults. Basketball player Amy Kulp of Hingham said she could recall hearing of past tragic instances. She and others said they opted for the peace of mind offered by the screening.

Some athletes were required to attend the screening, but basketball player Katie Scurrah of Hudson, N.H., said everyone agreed it was a wise decision.

"It's something people our age don't really think about," said hockey player Jim Healey of Newfoundland. "But you don't want to fool around with your heart."

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All Those Years Ago

■ 75 YEARS AGO – 1931

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sent out to each department head in the town government by the Finance Committee.

Last Friday night Punchard Hall was the scene of a whist party conducted by the Domestic Science girls of the senior class in an effort to raise sufficient funds to hold a banquet for the football team.

Less money has been withdrawn from the welfare department of the town this year than last year to help needy cases and support town charities, despite the fact that more cases have been brought to the attention of the Board of Public Welfare.

The Andover Guild will again sponsor community carol singing on Christmas Eve.

The Commissioners in the State House Department of Public Utilities, division of railroads, today decided that whistling of locomotives be abolished on all trains crossing the Essex Street crossing in Andover in either direction.

Bids will go out either tomorrow or the beginning of next week for a 34-foot, dual-type road from the By-pass to Phillips Academy, it was announced this morning by Arthur W. Dean, chief engineer of the State Department of Public Works.

A sedan was completely destroyed and a garage badly damaged when a short circuit in the automobile caused a fire to break out in the garage of Ernest Braddon at the corner of Salem Street and Prospect Hill Road early Thursday morning.

Elwood Chase and Howard Walker of Andover are returning from Governor Dummer Academy today for the Christmas holidays.

Indian Ridge Lodge will meet Monday evening in Fraternal Hall at 7:45, following which the members will gather around the Christmas tree for a holiday party.

The regular meeting of the Department of Drama of the November Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry S. Hopper, 25 Phillips St., Friday at 3 o'clock.

50 Years Ago – 1956

Andover surpassed its quota nearly three times over in the one-night drive for the Red Cross Hungarian relief funds. Between the generosity of donors and the unselfish work of volunteers, the sum of $1,627.67 was realized. The goal set by national headquarters was $556.

The Wild Rose Farm and Walnuthurst dairy will continue to supply the schools with milk. The price, 5 1/2 cents per half-pint, is the same charged by the two dairies during the last six months.

A tentative town budget – termed a study in astronomy by some town officials – has zoomed past the $2 million mark.

A report on the town insurance picture will be available within 10 days.

The Taxpayers Association will attempt to limit subjects of special town meeting consideration to matters of real emergency.

Andover Chapter 18 of the Disabled American Veterans has reached its membership quota for the current fiscal year of the organization and will receive a special citation in recognition of its achievement.

Rezsoe and Maria Kun and their three small boys – refugees from the terror and misery of Russia-dominated Hungary – are happy in their new home on High Street.

The Sylvania-Corning nuclear research plant here is "just a beginning" in establishing a proper residential-industrial balance in the community.

Six assistant assessors have been appointed by the selectmen. They will conduct the annual listing of all residents of the community.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nadeau, RN, 156 High St., has begun her duties as public health nurse for the Board of Health.

The Punchard basketball schedule, which started last Wednesday, lists 20 home and away games.

Pupils of St. Augustine School presented their annual Christmas play last Sunday.

25 Years Ago – 1981

Andover is aiming for Jan. 15 as the date it will offer $13 million in bonds for sale to fund the school building project now underway.

The Internal Revenue Service honored nine Greater Andover residents at a Career Service Awards ceremony held recently at the Andover facility.

A number of local musicians and Andover school teachers will be performing in front of Town Hall beginning this week.

Five members of St. Robert's Cub Pack 79, have been presented the President's Environmental Youth Awards for their projects dedicated to energy conservation.

Public Safety officials have asked the public to refrain from calling the police or fire station to check on no-school announcements.

School Supt. Kenneth Seifert announced "with some regret" Tuesday night that the $37,000 position of school building coordinator will probably be cut from the school budget next year.

During a brief meeting at Town Hall Monday night, the Board of Selectmen granted a permit to repair several gas mains to Bay State Gas Co.

Andover will receive $420,702 in the latest distribution of Chapter 70 State Aid funds.

For the second year, the annual town census will be done through the mails, rather than by door-to-door census takers. Census forms will be mailed out before the end of the month, the town clerk has announced.

Next week will be a regular recycling week running from Monday, Dec. 21 through Thursday, Dec. 24.

An exhibition of some stoneware by potter/artist Molly Thorson is on display through Dec. 22 in the Art Gallery at Merrimack College in North Andover.

The A Capella Choir and Madrigal Singers are singing Christmas music Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at the Andover Savings Bank. All choir alumni are invited to join them.

– Compiled by [illegible] contributor [illegible]

OBITUARIES

DEATHS

Jacqueline C. Adams, 75
William Christie Jr., 56
Emile F. Croteau, 88
James E. Pettee
Dorothy T. Reynolds, 80
Meyer Shapiro, 90

OBITUARIES ARE SUPPLIED BY FUNERAL HOMES AND FAMILY MEMBERS

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

ADAMS —Jacqueline C. "Jackie" Adams, 75, of North Andover died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006 at the Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover. Family members include her niece Linda A Suppa of Andover; and grandchildren Kristen M. Suppa and Nicholas D. Suppa, both of Andover.

CROTEAU —Emile F. Croteau 88, of Methuen, died Saturday Dec. 16 at Methuen Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Prior to retirement, Mr. Croteau worked as a tool maker at Raytheon in Andover.

SHAPIRO —Meyer Shapiro, 90 died Friday Dec. 15 in Boca Raton, Fla. Family members include his daughter, Sondra Finegold and husband Michael; granddaughter, Diana Finegold, and grandson, state Rep. Barry Finegold, wife Amy and daughters Ava Rose and Ella Mae, all of Andover. Shiva was scheduled for last night Wednesday, Dec. 20 from 7 to 9 at Sondra and Michael Finegold's home, 11 Lavender Hill Lane, Andover.

Dorothy T. Reynolds

Was communicant at St. Robert Bellarmine Church

Dorothy T. (Regan) Reynolds, 80, of Andover, died Tuesday, Dec. 12.

She was the widow of Thomas Reynolds, who died in 1998.

Born in Lowell, she was a daughter of the late William and Mary (McMahon) Regan.

She attended the local schools, and graduated from Lowell High School with the class of 1944.

She lived in Andover for the past five years, and was a communicant of St. Robert Bellarmine Church.

Previously she had resided in Tewksbury, Stamford, Conn., and Lowell.

She was employed as an executive secretary for many years before her retirement.

Members of her family include her three children, Mary E. Reynolds of North Andover, Kathleen M. Reynolds of New York, and Thomas E. Reynolds of San Francisco; a granddaughter; and many nieces, nephews, and brothers and sisters-in-law.

She was also the sister of the late Francis J. Regan, William A. Regan, the Rev. Msg. Joseph G. Regan, Dolores M. Regan, Edward B. Regan, John D. Regan, Thomas G. Regan, Paul W. Regan, Sister Joseph Gerard SCH, Eleanor Thomas, and Mary Regan, all of whom preceded her in death.

Arrangements were by McDonough Funeral Home in Lowell.

William Christie Jr.

Worked for Bricklayers Union, Local 3 of Boston

William Christie Jr., 56, of Fremont, N.H., died Monday, Dec. 18 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital following a brief illness.

Born in Andover, Mass., he was the son of the late William and Margaret (Wynton) Christie Sr.

Mr. Christie was a proud Scotchman. He was raised in Andover, and worked 30-plus years for the Bricklayers Union, Local 3 of Boston.

He loved his camp in Bryant Pond, Maine, but more importantly he enjoyed spending his time there with family and friends. He was a dedicated and loving husband, father and grandfather. He will truly be missed.

Survivors include include his wife and partner of 19 years, Linda (Vachon) Christie of Fremont; his children, William Christie III and his fiance Stacey Flemming of Chelmsford, Donald Paradise of Exeter, N.H., Jason Paradise of Haverhill, Kristen Meiklehohn of Barrington, N.H., Donald Lesperance Jr. and his wife Lee Ann of Wakefield, N.H., Lisa Clark of Rochester, N.H., and Holly Moquin of Strafford, N.H.; his grandchildren, Derek Gilbert, Anthony Wojtysiak, Mathew Moquin, Kristen Paradise, Luke Lesperance, Nicolas Maynes, Kaleigh Moquin, Lauren Clark, Shaunn Meiklejohn, and Payton Paradise; and many friends, including Mary Chadwick of Groveland.

He was predeceased by his mother and father William and Margaret Christie; his brother, John Christie of Manchester, N.H.

Calling hours will be held tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the R.M. Edgerly & Son Funeral Home, 86 South Main St., Rochester, NH 03867.

A funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. in the chapel of the funeral home.

James E. Pettee

Died suddenly

James E. "Jim" Pettee, of Andover, died suddenly on Monday, Dec. 18.

Mr. Pettee is the son of the late Edward F. and Lillian Pettee.

Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Stacey F. (Friedland) Pettee; daughters Carrie and Jacquie Pettee; in-laws Byron and Gloria Friedland of Peabody; sister Lorraine France and her husband Hugh, and Kathy Hartnett, and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at Lebanon Tifereth Israel Cemetery, Route 128, Peabody yesterday, Wednesday, Dec. 20.

A memorial observance was scheduled from after the burial until 4, and from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 21 from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.; and Friday Dec. 22 until 4 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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Mr. Shapiro worked as a civilian in OSS offices in Philadelphia, US Postal Service and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. He was an avid baseball player and fan, a longtime member of the Shriners and active in community service. He was an integral part of Rep. Finegold's political campaigns. Mr. Shapiro will be mourned by his loving wife of sixty-five years, Marian Kauffman Shapiro, daughter Sondra Finegold and husband Michael, son David Shapiro and wife Enid, grandchildren Diana Finegold, Joni Finegold Sachs and husband Daniel, State Rep. Barry Finegold and wife Amy, Isabel Shapiro and several great-grandchildren.

Calling hours (Shiva) are December 19 & 20th from 7-9 PM at Sondra and Michael Finegold's house, 11 Lavender Hill Lane, Andover, MA 01810

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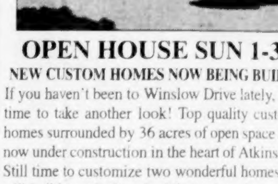

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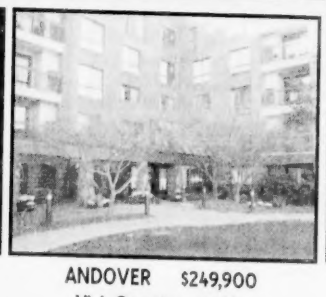
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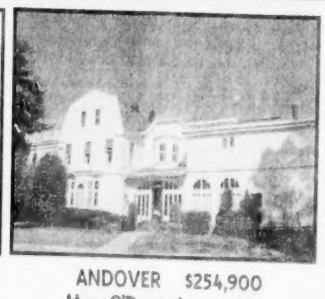
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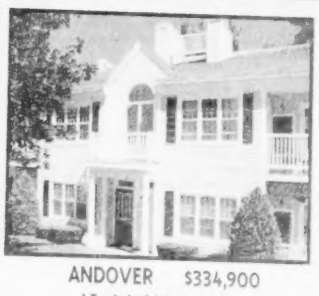
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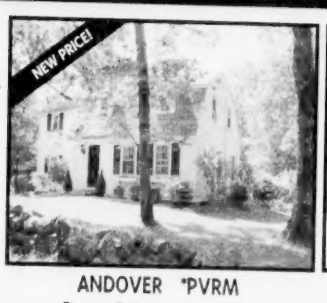

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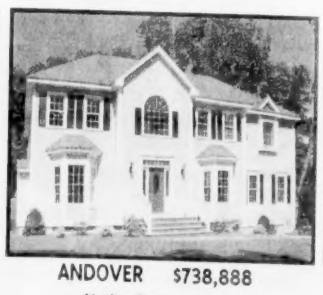
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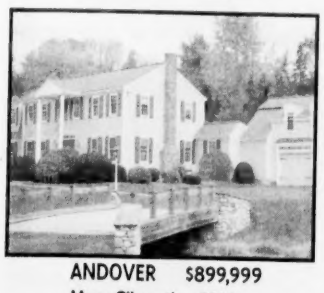
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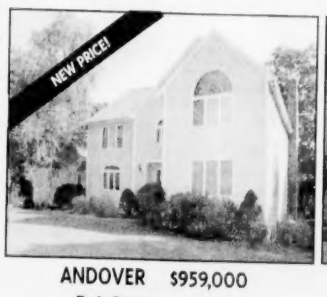

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No frills: Growing up on West Andover farms

Bill Dalton

Years ago, I asked an old friend who grew up on a West Andover farm if he liked to garden. The friend said that as a kid he worked in fields for hours on end, hoeing weeds and picking vegetables, and often had to go to market at 4 in the morning; he never wanted to grow another plant for the rest of his life.

For much of the town's history, West Andover was a rich farming region. Although a few farms still remain, during the latter half of the 20th Century Route 495, industry and subdivisions changed that part of town forever.

Loring Batchelder grew up on a 100-acre farm on what is now 97 Argilla Road, the fifth of seven children. He was born in 1927 and grew up during the Depression. For most people born on farms, things have not changed since the beginning of recorded history: when a child is old enough, he or she contributes to the work. Loring says his farm chores consisted of hoeing corn and strawberry plants and feeding chickens and cows. Young Loring also delivered milk.

Mr. Batchelder got in touch with me when I wrote about Pomps Pond. I'd said I used to go there but wasn't crazy about the place. He said that for him Pomps was a very pleasant change from his farm work. He often walked to Pomps after hours of sweating in the fields.

Loring spent the first four years of school at the two-room West School on the northeast side of the intersection of Lowell and Beacon streets. He says, "Betty Hurd was my teacher in grades one and two. Mrs. Georgiana Hilton taught the third and fourth. The small schoolyard was hard-packed gravel. The toilet facilities were in the cellar, next to the coal-burning furnace. No problem. We were used to no-frills living in the farming section of town."

After fourth grade, he went uptown to Stowe School. He says, "At that time two buses provided all the necessary transportation. Rudy Johnson brought in all the West Andover kids and Al Wright took care of the rest of town. Miss Porter was my fifth-grade teacher. She was beautiful, a wonderful teacher, and I had a crush on her."His sixth grade teacher was Bessie Conant, of whom he wasn't as fond, but he said, "She got the job done."

After sixth grade, Loring moved into the "relatively new Junior High School," which is now the section of the town municipal building closest to the Playstead. He says he was well prepared by his teachers, but "now everything was different: home rooms and moving to each of the next classes taught by specialists." Loring continues, "My home room and math teacher was Miss Stimson. ('Stimpy' to everyone, but not to her face.) She was strict but fair, and I think she liked me. Nancy Hurd, my first-grade teacher's sister, was my seventh grade English teacher." He was an exceptional student and received a scholarship from Phillips Academy. He says, "My parents, who had not finished high school, could not have been more proud." Mr. Batchelder mentions that during the three years he went to Phillips he bicycled up Central, Torr and Phillips streets in the morning and then downhill and back home in the afternoons. He did it on a three-speed Raleigh bike that he'd bought from Robie Miers bicycle shop in Lawrence for $65.

Loring graduated from Phillips in May of 1945, the last year of World War II, and was immediately drafted into the Navy. Two months after completing boot camp he says that he got off a train "and learned that an unbelievably powerful bomb had been dropped on Japan." A year later, he went to Harvard under the G.I. Bill. He was the captain of the soccer team in 1949 and graduated in 1950. Along with his "Spartan upbringing during the Great Depression" he credits the quality of the Andover school system and the luck of being born in 1927 as being responsible for his going to Harvard.

Loring's oldest brother was Abbo, who has passed away. Abbo was a well-known carpenter who built many homes in Andover. Abbo's son Jim Batchelder is well-known in his own right. Loring says proudly that Jim is often referred to as an "Andover historian" in the *Townsman*. (Jim's sister Faith was in my class in high school and was a good friend. She now lives in Florida.) Loring also has a niece, Wanda Batchelder, who lives in Andover and works for the police department. He lives in Lexington after a successful career in personnel relations (now called human resources).

ROTTEN TOMATO FIGHTS; SWEET MEMORIES

Joan (Silva) Patrakis, who writes the newsletter for the Andover Historical Society, has pleasant memories of growing up on a West Andover farm. She graduated from Punchard in 1955 with her cousin Ernie Clegg, who also worked on the farm. Joan and Ernie grew up on the Nicholas Farm on Chandler Road: Joan's mom was a Nicholas.

COURTESY PHOTO

The old two-room West School (1828-1952) at the intersection of Beacon and Lowell streets. The toilets were in the school building's cellar, next to a coal-burning furnace.

I asked her what was it like growing up on a farm in Andover. Joan responded, "I loved it! I remember writing an essay about that when I was in Miss Noyes' fifth-grade class at Stowe School. I thought I was the luckiest kid in the world to live on a farm. I had the unique experience of growing up in an extended American-Lebanese family. My grandfather owned the farm and my uncle and his family lived with him in one house. My folks lived in a house on one side of him and my aunt and her family lived in their house on the other side. I grew up with my sister and seven cousins but we were raised like brothers and sisters. The fields, woods, pasture and brook were our playground. In spring we caught pollywogs in the brook and looked for pink lady slippers in the woods. In summer the boys worked in the fields – the girls did, too, when help was needed. (We had some hilarious rotten tomato fights when my grandfather and uncle left us on our own!)

"Generally the girls worked with the women (my mom and aunts) preparing produce for market. In winter we coasted on a hill in the pasture and skated on the brook or on the hard-packed snow in the driveway! We grew up on Syrian bread, kibbee and all the other yummy Arabic dishes. The farm was a produce farm so we kids worked in the fields and packed tomatoes, etc. for market. Big treat was [taking] the trip to market at night squished in the truck between my uncle and grandfather. On the way home my uncle treated us at Howard Johnson's!"

Although Joan still lives on Chandler Road, she says, "The old farm was cut in half by [Route] 495 in 1962, unbuildable on one half and later a church was built on the other half (which was actually the fields.) My parents had our house moved down the street, across from where Doyle Lumber used to be. (That's now a Greek church – so there are two churches in that area.)"

I asked Joan about her cousin Ernie Clegg, who was captain of the 1954 football team. She says,"Ernie and I were just months apart so we were always close. He taught me how to jitterbug. He is now retired, and lives in West Paris, Maine where he has a beautiful view of the White Mountains. He loves it up there and has convinced three of the other cousins to join him."

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